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**A HISTORY OF
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A HISTORY OF STERLING WAYNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ITS CHURCHES, ITS COMMUNITY, ITS PEOPLE

by

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"With smoking axle hot with speed, with steeds of fire and steam,
Wide waked Today leaves Yesterday behind him like a dream."

"Yet sit with me by the homestead hearth,
And stretch the hands of memory forth
To warm them by the olden wood-fire's blaze,"
We'll hand the past and present down to future days.

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PREFACE

Like a Divine commandment, comes the words of the Psalmist: "Walk about Zion, mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generations following. (For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death.)"—Psa. 48:12). The following history of the Sterling Methodist Church was prepared and read at the Centennial Celebration in August, 1948. At that time, I became increasingly fascinated with other history of the people and the community not included in the record of the Church. For sixteen months, I have been collecting material, doing research and talking with people until now I have come to this finished product. I feel well acquainted with the events and people of the past; I am delighted to find I could know them so well in so short a time having never seen any of them.

Our Spiritual tempo in Sterling was set by great Christians like Robert Bortree Sr., and William T. Noble; our intellectual pace was begun by students of learning: Henry Stevens Sr. and Capt. Phineas Howe; and it was men like James M. Noble and William E. Hamlin whose pure character, dignity, and honesty have been examples for all succeeding generations. Our present residents have not surpassed these great men, but rather they have found it most difficult to keep up the reputation set for them by the Sterling patriarchs. And I am sure these forefathers would be proud to own their posterity. The present is always inseparably connected with the past by unbreakable chords and both are linked with the Divine; may it be our lot never to betray the heritage that has been entrusted to us by them.

My deep appreciation goes to my good friend and Christian brother, Mr. George Ira Gilpin. His keen interest and enthusiasm has given me courage. His careful reading of the manuscript and criticisms have proven most helpful. He has spent much time and study in order that errors may be reduced to a minimum, and all possible information obtained and classified.

I have found Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stevens, lifelong residents of Sterling, my greatest asset in bridging the beginnings of Sterling to the present. I concluded if they could not answer my questions, the questions could not be answered.

My appreciation goes to Mr. Granville E. Webster, Mr. William H. Noble, Mr. Ray Stevens, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Wolfe, who have carefully read the manuscript; also to Miss Margaret M. Howe and Mrs. Minnie Howe Jenkins for proof-reading the type; to Mr. Floyd W. Webster for valuable information; and to any and all who have shown helpful interest, please here find expressed my sincere gratitude.

My only prayer is that the future, both near and far distant, may regard our combined efforts as interesting and helpful, as we attempt to preserve our history.

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INTRODUCTION

My interest in genealogy and local history began when as a small child, I sat by the hoary-haired madonnas and the grey-bearded patriarchs of my own household and listened to them relate the events of their illustrious past. Soon I was recording their stories and remembrances, and reading all the printed material of our section. Therefore it has been only natural for me that I should learn Sterling history and put it in book form.

I wanted genealogies to accompany this history because they make the work more valuable to posterity. I wanted perfect and complete data rather than a sketchy and vague work, but complete histories are not being written now. Too many people are uninterested; few can tell you anything about themselves or their parents; still others do not mark the graves of their dead or preserve family records. You, kind reader, must complete and correct, if necessary what I have written. It has been a pleasurable task of countless hours of labor to get this information; there may be a few errors but if so they are unknown to me and my co-workers.

For a pattern I have used Weston's History of Brooklyn, it is the only perfect history of a small community that I know. A valuable labor of love on the part of E. A. Weston and because he was truthful and honest, his work was criticized and had a small circulation. Each copy is worth its weight in gold now, sixty years after.

The reader will see immediately how much this manuscript has relied upon the printed histories. The Sterling section, some of the Dreher, Lehigh, and Greene sections have been copied verbatim from Matthew's Wayne, Pike and Monroe County history. The Northeastern Biographical Record has been of great assistance in preparing genealogies. I have also read: Miner's History of Wyoming, Hollister's History of Lackawanna Valley, Stocker's History of Susquehanna County, History of Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wyoming Counties; Goodrich's History of Wayne County, Illustrated Wayne County; History of Lackawanna and Wyoming Counties, and A. F. Chafee's History of the Wyoming Conference. The rest of my information has come from newspapers, diaries, letters, family records, church records, cemeteries, and from the Sterling people.

There were two reasons why the Irish came to Sterling. Europe was crowded and there were famines. The "potato famine" and the desire for "more room" led many Irish to leave the counties of Tyrone and Donegal in Northern Ireland and migrate to Philadelphia and on to Sterling at the beginning of the nineteenth century. Most of them were acquainted in the "auld sod" and thus formed a transplanted colony of the homeland. The settlers were one hundred per cent Protestants, and for the most part earnest Christians. The Connecticut migrations to Pennsylvania did not affect Sterling except in the case of Barnes, Howe, and Noble families.

This book, like "all Gaul" can be divided into three parts. In section one: the history of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its Centennial Celebration from its genesis to 1948. This will prove that the church was the life and center of the community.

In section two: there is the history of the early settlers, the schools in the present township; the cemeteries in the old Sterling Township, near Sterling, the farms, buildings, business interests in Nobleville, the Methodist Protestant Churches, and the Jericho Church.

In section three there is a genealogy of the "first families", those that were a part of Sterling before 1850 and have descendants to perpetuate the name in our day. The dates of birth of the present citizens of Sterling have been included not to offend but rather as an aid and guide to their posterity.

It is the earnest prayer of the writer that this work may be a contribution to the many friends in Sterling; may it long survive the author and perhaps be a visible means to perpetuate his name among such good people.

"There lies in each familiar scene
Some vision of the past
As over the present, by-gone years
Their golden shadows cast."



THE CENTENNIAL HYMN

Oh, God! our Father's God! to Thee
We humbly bend the adoring knee,
And grateful sing Thy glorious praise,
To Whom the centuries are as days.

Thy hand pours out the years; they go
Onward in their resistless flow,
Men rise and sink and all is o'er
Thou art the same for evermore.

Those grand old patriarchs owned Thee God,
With reverence looked to Thine abode,
Their Maker Thou! their rightful Lord!
Through endless years to be adored.

Thou wast their Rock, their feet stood fast,
Thou wast a Refuge from the blast,
As the tall beeches on the steep
Their faith was rooted wide and deep.

These rocks and hills oft echoed then,
The prayers of those God-fearing men,
And Watts' hymns in cabins rude
Made vocal all the solitude.

And on these hills as friends, not foes,
The Church and School together rose,
Twin instruments in them we find,
To bless and elevate mankind.

Oh, be it ours, with filial fear,
To cherish what they planted here,
With hearts as warm and love as broad,
To hold the Fort for truth and God!

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HISTORY OF THE STERLING METHODIST CHURCH

Mr. Charles Miner in his "History of Wyoming", written in 1845, speaks of the visit of the Reverend Bishop Francis Asbury (the first American Methodist Bishop, born in England August 20, 1745) to the section later to be known as Wayne County, on Monday, July 8, 1793. In Bishop Asbury's Journal it is recorded thus:

"I took the wilderness, through the Mountains, up the Lackawanna, on the Twelve Mile Swamp; this place is famous for dirt and lofty hemlock. We lodged in the middle of the swamp, at Stanton's, and made out better than we expected".

The lodging place of the Reverend Bishop, says R. M. Stocker in his "History of the Presbyterian Church in Honesdale", was at Stanton's Inn at Little Meadows, about three miles east of Salem Corners, now Hamlin. Bishop Asbury saw the territory now comprised by the town of Hamlin, and perhaps on the journey from Stanton's to Stroudsburg, he passed through the vicinity of Sterling. This was the first time any Methodist preacher had ever traversed this section of the country, and was one of the first persons in any way connected or familiar with the sect known as the disciples of John Wesley or Methodists, to visit the region. His visit proved to be of great value to the work for a district was formed out of the Baltimore Conference in October, 1793, that gave the Wyoming territory a presiding elder by the name of Valentine Cook. Mr. Cook was eminently fitted for the work and since that time the Methodist work has flourished in the vicinity.

The History of the Lackawanna Valley, written by Dr. H. Hollister, in 1869, states: "In 1803, two noisy itinerants went forth like John the Baptist, to prepare the way of the Lord. They preached at Kingston, Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Plymouth. Providence, Shawney, crossed Moosic Mountain at Cobb's, journeying through Salem, Sterling, Canaan, Mount Pleasant, Great Bend, and Tunkhannock, and preaching in all these places before returning to Wyoming. In 1807, a regular circuit was formed, and a portion of the same route was traveled over twelve times a year, or once in every four weeks".

Dr. George Peck in his History of Early Methodism written in 1860, states that in the year 1806, there were two preachers on the Wyoming Circuit, Christopher Frye and Alfred Griffith. The latter had just been appointed to the Wyoming circuit at the conclusion of the Baltimore Conference, in the year 1806. The Rev. Mr. Griffith spoke of the circuit that it was like others in that day, large and the fare poor and coarse enough. The only drink they had besides water was coffee(?) made of buckwheat bread. The process of making this drink was to hold a piece of buckwheat bread, called a slap-jack, in the fire in the tongs till completely charred, and then to boil it in an iron pot. The liquor thus obtained, sweetened with maple sugar, received from Mr. Griffith the name of "slap-jack coffee". Foxes, bears, panthers and wolves were more common than people, and from June to autumn there was not a morsel of meat to eat of any kind.

It was at one of his appointments, Dr. Peck records, that this young preacher, Alfred Griffith, was met by an Irishman, by the name of Matthew Bortree, who had been a Methodist in his native country, but having emigrated to this country, and

settled where he enjoyed no religious advantages, he had become cold and back-slidden. But the Holy Spirit again visited him, and he became deeply anxious to retrieve his spiritual losses, and the object of his present visit was to get the promise of the preachers to visit his settlement (now Sterling), and establish there an appointment. The settlement was of about twenty years' standing (or established in 1786), and yet a sermon had never been heard, nor a minister of the gospel seen in it.

Upon consultation between the preachers it was agreed that Mr. Griffith should make the first visit to the new field, and preach the Gospel in the regions beyond to people who had never heard its joyful proclamation. The time was fixed and a young man was to be sent to meet the preacher at Kramer's (at Pleasant Mount), and conduct him through the great wilderness called the "Big Beech Woods" to Bortree's house. In pursuance of his engagement, at the proper time Mr. Griffith started for Abram Kramer's, rode all day without eating a morsel, and reached the friendly cabin about nightfall, having come about fifty miles. The guide Matthew Bortree had sent to bring the preacher safely to Sterling had also arrived at Kramer's. Both were weary and hungry. Mrs. Kramer said she was glad to see them, but sorry they had come, for she had nothing, nothing at all to give them to eat. Mr. Griffith said he was sorry too, for he was very hungry. Could she not try to find something? She began to rummage among some broken crockery and found a dry crust of bread, which added to a very small fish that her son that day caught in the branch, and which she immediately cooked, was the supper and dinner of the young preacher, after a ride of fifty miles and preaching twice.

Mr. Griffith records of the hospitality: "The fish and the bread, which Providence made sufficient without a miracle, being found, the good woman drew out a wash-tub and placed a board over it for a table, on which in the moiety of a plate she arrayed the dinner, and before which she placed a three-legged stool; she invited the preach to eat, adding, as she concluded her invitation, 'There's your dinner; it's all I have; if I had more you should have it. But if you are a good man it's good enough for you, and if not, it's too good.'"

At daybreak the next morning the father and son (Kramers) had returned from the mill, whither they had gone to replenish their exhausted larder, and the young itinerant had, considering time and place, a good breakfast, plenty of corn bread, washed down with slap-jack coffee, that and nothing else.

The next evening the Reverend Mr. Griffith and his guide arrived at the settlement (now Sterling) and were met by seventy or eighty persons, all anxious to see that strange sight, a preacher. He put up with Bortree, and no sooner was he in the house than they insisted he should preach the same evening. He consented and while he preached the people gazed and wondered; not one present, perhaps, except Bortree, had ever before been witness of such a scene. The next day he preached morning, afternoon, and night. After the second service he was approached by a great rough fellow by the name of Bill Clemens, who asked him what he meant by the Methodist Episcopal Church. The answer was given by reading from the Discipline the General Rules and the Articles of Faith. Clemens, with ill-suppressed indications of feeling, remarked that if that was all, he would not object to becoming a Methodist himself.



The appointment was regularly kept up, and when winter set in, the seriousness marked from the first had grown into deep penitence, and there was a repetition of those scenes of revival which had been witnessed in so many parts of the county. The young preacher could but observe that these people, who had never beheld a revival, had never even read of one, when converted, wept, rejoiced, shouted, just as he had seen so many do in his native state; and before conference every man and woman, and very child over fourteen years old in the whole settlement, had professed religion and joined the Church, with a single exception, and he was a whiskey seller. Even this man's wife was brought in. The reformation, however, took from him his occupation, and cursing the neighborhood into heaps he left for parts unknown. Matthew Bortree became a local preacher, and Bill Clemens a class-leader, and on the spot where Bortree's house stood, now stands, as we are informed, a fine church."

Of the Rev. Christopher Frye, Dr. Peck writes that he was a large man with a great voice, and a fiery soul. Mrs. Fanny Cary says: "He was a great preacher, and a great exhorter. He would pray, and sing, and get happy; and the people would hang around him. Great revivals followed him." Some of the lawyers of Wilkes-Barre said Mr. Frye was a damn fool to be a Methodist preacher, as he was fit for a statesman or any other professional character.

In 1807, in the months of June, and July, Bishop Asbury made a tour through the country, visiting all the section of Wyoming Valley and perhaps visited again part of southern Wayne County. He conducted a Camp Meeting at Forty-Fort in Luzerne County, and Dr. Peck states that many persons from Salem and the Bortree Settlement (now Sterling) attended the Camp. Before Bishop Asbury left Wyoming he directed Gideon Draper, a young Methodist itinerant, to be presiding elder of the newly formed Canaan circuit. Salem and Sterling immediately became a valuable part of that newly formed circuit and remained as a part of that circuit for 35 years, or until the formation of the Salem Circuit in 1842.

In 1806, Sterling Congregation began as an appointment on the Wyoming Circuit of the Susquehanna District of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church, Bishop Asbury, presiding bishop. The following year the Canaan Circuit was formed and Sterling was a part of it. In 1808, the Susquehanna District was placed in the Philadelphia Conference, and 1810, it was put in the Genesee Conference. In 1829, the Susquehanna District was taken from Genesee Conference and put in the Oneida Conference. At the formation of the Wyoming Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, in 1852, Sterling was a part of the Salem Circuit, in the Honesdale District.

From 1807 until 1820, Sterling was served by a minister who came twelve times a year or once in four weeks. From 1820 until 1842, the minister came once every two weeks. On the Sundays when the Elder did not come the services were conducted by the people themselves. The Local Preacher was in charge and preached, the Class Leaders exhorted and the Lay people prayed and shouted.

The services were first conducted in the home of Matthew Bortree on the site of the present Church, later in other homes, in barns, particularly those of William T. Noble and Isaac Megargle. In 1825, they met in the home of Henry Stevens, and Elder George Dobell preached on the alternate Sundays. When the school houses were built, Howe's in 1831, Catterson's in 1832, they were used for Sunday School

and Church. The first Sunday School was held in Joseph Megargle's home, having been organized in 1831, by Edward Mullensford.

When the school house at Nobleville was built in 1837, it was used continuously on the Lord's Day for Sunday school and preaching services, until the erection of the Church in 1848.

In 1822, under the labors of the Reverend George Peck of sainted memory, a Class was formed at Sterling with William T. Noble as leader and exhorter. It was comprised of William T. Noble and wife, Charles Cliff and wife, Lyman Noble, William E. Hamlin and wife, and Mary A. Mullensford, Simon Bortree and wife, Edward Mullensford and wife.

Ministers serving the Sterling Church since its inception in 1806 to the formation of the Salem Circuit in 1842 were:

Wyoming Circuit

1806 Rev. Alfred Griffiths, Rev. Christopher Frye

Canaan Circuit

1807	Rev. Gideon Draper	1826	Rev. Sophronius Stocking
1808	Gideon Draper		Joseph Castle
1809	Anning Owen		Joseph Pearsall
1810	George Harmon	1827	John Sayre
	Samuel Thompson		Silas Comfort
1811	John Kimberlin	1828	John Parker
1812	Loring Grant		Vincent M. Coryell
	Orin Doolittle	1829	George Evans
1813	Joseph Hickcox		Peter Wentz
	Robert Menshall	1830	George Evans
1814	James Gilmore		Morgan Ruger
	Israel Cook	1831	Fitch Reed
1815	Ebenezer Doolittle	1832	Miles H. Gaylord
1816	Israel Cook	1833	C. W. Harris
1817-18	Isaac Grant		E. W. Tenney
1819	Abraham Dawson	1834	Marcus R. Cushman
1820	George Peck		Erastus Smith
1821	John D. Gilbert	1835	Benjamin Ellis
1822	Elisha Bibbins	1836	Lucien S. Bennett
1823	Hiram G. Warren		Abel Barker
	Elisha Bibbins	1837	Lucien S. Bennett
1824	Joshua Rogers		William Reddy
	Mark Preston	1838	C. P. Stanley
1825	Joshua Rogers		William W. Wooley
	Sophronius Stocking	1839	John Barnes
	Joseph Castle	1840	Lucien S. Bennett
		1841	J. O. Boswell

The Canaan Circuit covered so large a territory that one man could not do justice to the work, which accounts for several men to be working the circuit in one year. Perhaps all the men named preached at least once in Sterling.

II

The year 1842 definitely brought to the Sterling community a Methodism that was destined to remain permanently with the town. That year the Oneida Conference of the Methodist Church made a change on the Susquehanna District by dividing the Canaan Circuit and causing the establishment of the Salem Circuit. This gave the community a resident minister as near to Sterling as the town of Hamlin. In 1845, the Susquehanna District was divided and the Wyoming District was formed, which gave the Salem Circuit a presiding elder nearer than fifty miles away. A definite growth was marked in the Sterling Church and the Methodist Class had grown so large that it was divided into three classes each of considerable size. William T. Noble, Edward Mullensford, and Isaac Megargle were chosen Class Leaders and Exhorters, and each had a class of about twenty members.

The Methodist Class Meeting has completely disappeared from our Churches in the last generation. The Class usually met every Monday night. The leader would expound a passage of scripture, either by expository fashion or by preaching on it. Several members were asked to pray and then every one present was compelled to testify. The testimony was to be of a current nature and a fulfillment of one question: "What has the Lord done for you this past week?" They encouraged each other in the Lord, made an exhortation to the sinner to repent and a fervent attempt to secure an ingathering of souls for the increase and replenishing of the Kingdom.

The Methodist Love Feast or Quarterly Meeting was one of the most important meetings of the Church. The presiding elder was usually in charge and since true Christian love was well defined by "love to God and love of the brethren" they spoke often of that love and feasted on bread and water to illustrate their common purpose. The sacrament of the Holy Communion followed. Love Feast tickets were issued in the name of the Methodist member who had filed his intention of attending the service. Persons who had not received a ticket were denied entrance. Love Feasts are now conducted once a year at Annual Conference on Sunday morning but the original flavor and purpose of Love Feast has departed from that service.

In Sterling, on February 5, 1846, "We, the subscribers agree to pay to the Building Committee hereafter to be elected, the amount set opposite to our names, for the purpose of building a Meeting House for the M. E. Church. Said Meeting House to be located on the South East corner of James M. Noble's land, lying west of the North & South turnpike, (The Land 'necessary' for the premises to be deeded to the M. E. Church). Said Meeting House to be 40 feet long, and 32 feet wide, (or wide enough to be duly proportioned). The amount subscribed by each is to be paid one half cash and half in materials for building, etc. We agree to pay one half of the amount subscribed by us by the time the frame of said Meeting House is raised and the remainder by the time Said House is enclosed.

James M. Noble agrees to deed the land for the above Meeting House and to pay twenty dollars in cash and \$25 in materials.

Edward Mullensford	\$50.00	Charles Megargel	5.00
William E. Hamlin	45.00	Edmond Brown	3.00
David L. Noble	40.00	Daniel Slote	5.00
Isaac Megargel	40.00	Robert Bortree 2d	10.00
George Stevens	30.00	Mannas Farrington	3.00
Nicholas Stevens	30.00	Allen Bortree	5.00
John Catterson	20.00	Pierce C. Coston	5.00
Simon Bortree	20.00	Thomas E. Cross	5.00
William Catterson	10.00	James Dobson	5.00
Robert Catterson	5.00	John Simons	5.00
Dawson Lee	5.00	James Slote	5.00
John W. Lee	5.00	Abram S. Howe	5.00
Simon Lee	5.00	John Dobson	5.00
Jesse Megargel	10.00	Giles A. Megargel	5.00
William Catterson 2d	5.00	Clark R. Simons	5.00
George H. Stevens	10.00	Albert Cliff	10.00
Daniel Slote	5.00	Thomas Bortree 3d, in work	3.15

The sum total of these pledges amounted to \$424.15.

In 1848, the frame church, 32x48 was built, but not completed. It was not complete for two years even though it was used for meeting from 1848. The total cost of the church was about one thousand dollars; however, much of the labor and materials were contributed. Pierce Coston and Roswell Noble were the carpenters who built it. George Stevens was killed in felling timber for this church. He was the grandfather of Blanche and Ray Stevens.

On May 12, 1849, the Methodist Society petitioned the Court of Wayne County to become a "corporate body politic in deed and in law by the name, style and title of 'The Methodist Episcopal Church of Sterling Township'." "The business of the said Church shall be conducted by seven trustees, four of whom shall form a quorum, to continue in office until the first Monday of April, on which day the members of said Church shall elect seven persons to serve as trustees for two years ensuing. Provided that if the said congregation neglect an election on the day fixed that the last appointed or chosen trustees shall continue and have power to act until others are elected in their stead." Trustees named: Edward Mullensford, James M. Noble, William E. Hamlin, John Catterson, Charles F. Cliff, Isaac Megargel, and Simon Bortree. Petition granted February 15, 1851.

The interior of the Church was finished, and dedication occurred on May 11, 1851, the Rev. H. R. Clarke preaching and conducting the dedicatory services. Rev. Corrington Taylor was the pastor on the Salem Circuit when the Church was begun; and Z. S. Kellogg was the pastor at the time of the dedication. The building committee consisted of Simon Bortree, James M. Noble, Isaac Megargel, William E. Hamlin, and Allen Bortree.

The lot on which the church was built passed by deed to the society on April 20, 1854, from James M. Noble and wife, in consideration of ten dollars.

The Church remained without alteration until 1871, when a tower was built and an eight hundred pound bell purchased and placed in the steeple. New stone steps were placed at the entrance of the vestibule. On October 11, 1862, kerosene lamps were first used in lighting the church, replacing tallow candles.

In 1859, Jacob Miller and L. C. Phillips were preachers in charge of the Salem Circuit. The Sterling part of the circuit for some cause now unknown, did not like Miller, while the Salem Church did, and the Quarterly Conference consequently decided to drop Sterling from the charge. Therefore in 1860, Sterling was organized as a Circuit and Rev. Ira T. Walker was appointed pastor. The appointments were Noble Hill, South Sterling, Cliffs, Catterson's and Sugar Hill (in Pike County). The salary was fixed at \$300. In 1861, the Cliffs' appointment was discontinued. Paupack, Ledgeale, Robinson's and Lee's school house were on the Circuit for a time. In 1866, Gouldsboro was added and later Hemlock Grove Church was begun in 1873. In 1880, the Circuit of Sterling comprised the following churches: Sterling, South Sterling, and Hemlock Grove. In 1889, Laanna was added.



W. E. Hamlin Home

In 1854, Rev. Calvin V. Arnold and Rev. Charles White were pastors on the Salem Circuit. Mr. Arnold lived at Salem and Mr. White lived at Sterling, the two men alternating in their work. Mr. White was the first minister to live in Sterling.

On November 12, 1857, Mary A. Mullensford died; her mother, Mary Mullensford, died February 16, 1858; and the father and husband died February 24, 1858 (buried at Zion Cemetery). Edward Mullensford and his family bequeathed one thousand dollars to the Sterling Church. Of this money one hundred dollars was paid to James M. Noble on June 28, 1860, for an acre of ground to be used for a cemetery in Sterling. On the seventeenth of February, 1860, another one hundred dollars was paid to James M. Noble for a half acre of ground to be used for a lot for the parsonage. Six hundred fifty dollars was spent in building a parsonage



Sterline Methodist Church. 1900-1950

"from the foundation up", and sixty-nine dollars was paid to William Dobson for building a barn on the lot. In 1901, the parsonage was enlarged and greatly improved at a cost of six hundred dollars.

Through the years of the history of Sterling Church, the pulpit of the Church was noted for evangelistic preaching. Revivals and protracted meetings were held often in an attempt to reach every person in the vicinity with the message of the 'Good News' and many persons were added to the Church.

Pastors serving the Sterling Church from 1842 to 1900 have been:

Salem Circuit

1842	Rev. Charles Perkins	1854	Rev. Calvin V. Arnold
	William Dean		Charles White
1843	William Dean	1855	Rodney S. Rose
1844	Thomas Wilcox	1856	Rodney S. Rose
1845	George M. Peck		J. T. W. Sullivan
1846	E. A. Young	1857	Francis Spencer
1847-48	Corrington E. Taylor		Miner Swallow
1849-50	J. B. Cooper	1858	Miner Swallow
1851	Z. S. Kellogg		William H. Leak
1852	George W. Leach	1859	Jacob Miller
1853	Calvin V. Arnold		Levi C. Phillips

Sterling Circuit

1860-61	Rev. Ira T. Walker	1870	Rev. Francis A. Dony
1862-63	James Woodruff	1880-81	William H. Gavitt
1864	Gabriel Westfall	1882-83	Philip M. Mott
1865-66	David Personcus	1884	D. G. Stephens
1867-68	George S. Severson	1885	John Davy
1869-70	Henderson G. Harned	1886-88	Jonathan H. Weston
1871	David Larish	1889-90	Joseph Madison
1872-74	George Pritchett	1891-93	Lloyd W. Karschner
1875	John F. Williams	1894-96	Jacob H. Boyce
1876-78	Justus F. Warner	1897-1902	David Evans

III

In 1899, there seemed to be a growing feeling among the people of Sterling that the existing Church was inadequate for the needs of the community. The auditorium, it was true was a one room affair without a basement or individual rooms for Sunday school classes, and some felt it was not large enough to accommodate the congregation of the community. Hence in June 1899, the Church building was sold at auction to Jeremiah Gilpin who paid sixty dollars for it. It was torn down and reconstructed into several buildings on his farm. The bell was removed from the steeple to be placed in the new Church.

The building committee consisted of Rev. David Evans pastor, Samuel N. Cross, Joseph E. Cross, L. F. Ammerman, and Oscar W. Noble. The new Church was considerable larger with a Sunday School room approximately the size of the

auditorium. The windows in the Church were placed as memorials or in honor of the families of the Church. The most beautiful window is that placed in the annex, in honor of the pastor, Rev. David Evans. It illustrates the Good Shepherd in life-size character in handsome color. This window was given by the Ladies' Aid Society in addition to paying three hundred dollars on the building proper, carpeting the auditorium, giving the kneeling cushions, and a large oak pulpit chair, which cost one hundred ninety-two dollars more. The Society of Young Helpers gave the organ and Bible. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cross gave a new communion set. The old pulpit furniture was also placed in the new church. Dr. R. A. Smith bought the old communion rail and has made many valuable and interesting articles from it.

The dedication of the new Church was held on Sunday, February 28, 1900, with the presiding elder and former pastor, Justus F. Warner in charge, assisted by Lloyd W. Karschner, E. A. Quimby of Salem, Rev. Clewell of the Moravian Church in Newfoundland, and Rev. W. Rawlings from Arlington. The text of the dedicatory sermon was Psalms 27:4.

The Church existed without change until the kitchen was added in 1923, when Rev. Austin L. Prynn was on the charge.

In 1930, the South Sterling, Greentown, and Laanna churches decided to become a separate charge. A parsonage was erected and the pastor went there to live. Sterling returned to the Salem charge and was served by that pastor.

The ministers who have served the new Sterling Church have been:

Sterling Charge

1897-1902	Rev. David Evans	1919-20	Rev. William S. Germon
1903-05	Arthur O. Williams	1921	Abel B. Conger
1906-08	Edward McMillen	1922-24	Austin L. Prynn
1908-12	William E. Webster	1925-28	Lynn H. Brown
1913-15	John A. Tuthill	1929	Estus A. Silvernail
1916-18	George V. McAllister		

Hamlin-Sterling Charge

1930	Rev. Alfred Backus	1941	Rev. Howard B. Willets
1931-34	Robert P. Kellerman	1942-46	George R. Akers
1935-40	James Burleigh	1947-50	Garford F. Williams

The predictions for the future of Sterling Church are that it will continue to grow and become an even greater and more vital force in the community. There has always been a good spirit of unity and cooperation prevailing in the church and its members. The church has been noted for harmony; there have never been "splits" of schisms or separation because of doctrinal differences. The same spirit of evangelism that marked it from the first has prevailed through the years. Any institution that can stand, grow, and flourish in a community for a century having the single purpose of changing men, making bad men good, and good men holy, deserves to have her praises sung to the highest heaven and to be commended above all others. "It shall be said of her, this man and that was born in her".—Psa. 87:5.

THE CENTENNIAL AT THE STERLING CHURCH

Early in June of 1948, it was decided by the Pastor and the members of the Sterling Church that since this was the centennial year of the building of the first Church in Sterling; and the one hundred forty-second year of the preaching of the Gospel in Sterling that we should plan a celebration in connection with Old Home Day and seek for an Episcopal visitation on the third Sunday in August. The committee appointed was: Mr. George I. Gilpin, chairman; Mr. William H. Noble, vice chairman; Mrs. Alfred Bortree, secretary; Mrs. Friend Phillips, Mrs. George A. Howe, Mr. R. Nevin Gilpin, Mrs. John J. Gillner, Mr. Floyd Webster, and the Pastor, Rev. Garford F. Williams.

Reverend Bishop James Henry Straughn, the resident Bishop of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, recently released, was secured as the afternoon and evening preacher for the Day of Celebration on August 15, 1948. In his usual appealing manner the Bishop captivated his audiences with two great sermons: "The Conclusion of Life," and "The Colony of Heaven"; and in his gracious way, between services he won himself many friends through conversation. There was a record attendance at all the services of the day, many persons stood through the services and many visiting friends came great distances to spend the day with us.

Reverend James Burleigh, pastor of the Sterling Church from 1935 to 1940, was the preacher on Sunday morning. His excellent discourse was of a historical nature and was of great interest to the hearers. Nearly three hundred persons attended this service which was a great tribute on the part of the Sterling and Hamlin people to this man of God who labored so faithfully among them.

The Reverend George R. Akers of Peckville was the preacher for the Sunday morning following and he was well received with a large audience of friends and they were gratified as a result of his sermon.

Other services were held during the Centennial week, at which time the history of the Church was reviewed and various members spoke of their experiences in the Church.

Old Home Day was held on the Third Sunday in August with a large crowd of friends attending. Following the chicken dinner there was a service in the Church auditorium of unusual interest. A Lantern Photographic machine had been secured to enable us to reproduce photographs on a screen, much to the delight of the congregation. It was similar to the delights of looking through the photograph album back in the old parlor. This part of the service was in charge of Mr. George I. Gilpin and his son G. Noble Gilpin.

The article prepared and read by Mr. George I. Gilpin is here printed:

"Records are always informative. While examining them we are sometimes bored; sometimes amused, and sometimes fascinatingly interested. While examining the records of this church, I am constantly reminded of a remark Jesus made while conversing with His disciples about their relation to the careers they were about to enter. He said, 'Other men have labored and you have entered into their labor'. How obviously that applies to the Sterling Methodist Church of 1948.

A little over a century ago, 1846, to be exact, the citizenry of Sterling Township entered into a compact wherein they agreed to build a Meeting House for the

Methodist Episcopal Church. There were forty subscribers to this new important community project. I am so glad to learn that the prevalent community spirit of that day was that each should *pledge* his or her share of the financial burden of the church. Why, the last one of you give or receive a pledge in every act of business you perform. You insure your life and you *pledge* yourself to pay the premium. You light your house with electricity after you *pledge* yourself to pay the electric bill. You buy a pound of coffee at the store and if you have no funds you *pledge* yourself to pay the forty or fifty cents to the storekeeper. But when you are asked to *pledge* yourself to pay a minimum sum to the support of the church and the Gospel, a number of you shrink back and say 'I expect to pay something but I'm not making any pledges.' Can't you see the inconsistency of the practice?

Well these men *pledged* the \$424.15 and they also pledged the time limit for payment. Some careless modern thinker might conclude that the modest sum of \$424 to build a 40x32 church indicated little enthusiasm on the part of the people for the project. But we must visualize conditions as they existed at that time. Farmers then didn't cut their grass with a power mower and harvest it with a field bailer. The men cut it with a scythe and they or their womenfolk raked it up while others hauled it in probably with oxen on a wood-shod sled.

Their houses were lighted not with electricity, but with an oil lamp or possibly tallow candles. There were no milking machines. The family milked the cows and the milk wasn't strained into a ten-gallon can to be whisked away to New York and paid for at the end of the month by check, but it was carefully strained into small tin pans, set away to cool until the cream could be removed and churned and the butter taken to the store and sold for fifteen or eighteen cents a pound or traded for flour, sugar, or a pair of shoes.

Women then didn't snap a switch and sit while their soiled garments were washed, rinsed and dried, but they laboriously rubbed the clothes on a zinc or brass washboard in a tub of foaming suds made from their own soap, accompanied by no guarantee to preserve the loveliness of their hands, or to do the work in half the time. They ironed their clothes not with an automatic electric iron but with a sad iron in a room where the heat from the stove made the atmosphere of the room almost as hot as the iron.

No, conditions were entirely different. Money had value then. That the contributions entailed sacrifice is evidenced by the fact that one contributor pledging five dollars paid at one time one dollar and eighteen cents subsequently the three dollars and eighty-two cents, and followed these payments with another of two dollars. Another contributor furnished nails to satisfy his pledge of five dollars, very probably they were hand-made nails. One pledged labor amounting to one dollar. Today had he been a carpenter or mason he could have walked off the job free from all obligation in fifteen or twenty minutes at the most. Doubtless in those days one dollar represented one full day's work; not a five or eight hour day but one that began at dawn and ended at twilight.

Yes, they knew sacrifice and were willing to endure it in order that they and their posterity might have their lives enriched and their environment permeated with all the Christian spirit they could create and nourish.

They saw the importance of providing a building dedicated to the worship of God and His Christ. So they built a church. How we would prize the picture of

that church! I very much doubt that it had neatly laid stone steps at its front approach, for some fifteen years later the records say the Reverend James Woodruff bought plank of William Dobson for one dollar and ten cents for the platform in front of the church. He paid for them with his own money but was afterwards reimbursed by the trustees. Seems preachers fared no better then than now for the same pastor at another time had the lamps repaired for burning kerosene oil, paid the bill and then bought chimneys to equip them. Of course, he was repaid—in time.

In 1849, this newly established society applied for and was granted a charter. In 1851, the Court of Wayne County granted them the right to become a corporation in body politic with all the rights and privileges of a corporation.

The following named persons acted as our first Board of Trustees: Edward Mullensford, James M. Noble, William E. Hamlin, John Catterson, Charles F. Cliff, Isaac Megargel, and Simon Bortree. This makes me think that Father Time is on my track when I realize that I personally knew three of these seven men who served as Trustees of this church one hundred years ago. Doubtless there are those in this audience who knew twice that many.

Brother Edward Mullensford was the first of the group to pass on; in a six months period, 1857 and 1858, his daughter, his wife, and he died. Their interest in and devotion to the church was most practically demonstrated by his bequest of \$1,000 to the Society along with the hope that it would make possible the building of a parsonage. In compliance with this request the Board of Trustees invested one hundred dollars by purchasing one-half acre of land from James M. Noble and erected upon it a pastor's home. Shortly after, William Dobson was paid sixty-nine dollars for building the barn on the lot.

In the same year, 1860, the Trustees of the church saw fit to use another one hundred dollars of the Mullensford money to purchase an acre of land from James M. Noble that has since been known as the Sterling Cemetery. It was governed and maintained by church authorities until the year 1928. At that time the Trustees of the church thought it would be better to place the Cemetery under the supervision of a separate authority. To this end the trustees surrendered their right and claims to the property. A charter was granted and the governing body became a corporation.

The first penny collection of which we have any record was received by David Lyman Noble, June 19, 1864. Immediately it became a regular feature of the church service, continuing if you please up to the present time only under the more dignified name of offering.

The proceeds of these collections were used then and at the present time to help defray the incidental expenses of the church. In speaking of the incidental expenses, I find in the records where the trustees of the church paid Messrs. Howe and DeWitt \$4.50 for stone for the front steps. Possibly these new stone steps are the ones that replaced the wooden steps of which I have spoken. No doubt the old church as we knew it, had many improved features when we compare it with the original structure. There is nothing strange about this. How proud the pioneer members were then; they were able to hold their first meeting in their new church. To sustain that pride obviously it was necessary to make improvements, each of which gave the generation doing the work a glow of satisfaction. Fresh in our memories

is the pride and enthusiasm we experienced when the present structure replaced the old church. That pride and enthusiasm has been reinforced by every effort on our part to enhance its beauty or increase its efficiency. ~

Now that our own lives may be made more helpful and that the spiritual atmosphere of our community be vitalized, let us each resolve that since others have so faithfully labored we will enter into their labor.

I want to call your attention to the various church relics that are here this evening. If you have not seen them, take time to do so after this meeting. Each is identified by a typed card beneath it so I will not go into detail concerning them now. We have also this evening, a number of pictures to show you. We have made an attempt to present as complete a series as possible of the Board of Trustees and their wives, older church members and early settlers. Also we have collected photos of former pastors. The list is very incomplete. We have a picture of the Ladies' Aid of fifty years ago and several school pictures of interest."

Read by Mr. George I. Gilpin, August 21, 1948, at the Centennial of the Sterling Church.

One of the visible expressions of appreciation for the Sterling Church and its sacraments came from the King's Helpers' Class of the Church School. The church had long needed a baptismal font. It was decided by the class that a committee consisting of: Mrs. John J. Gillner, Mrs. George A. Howe, Mrs. John P. Beischer, and the Pastor, should investigate the possibilities of securing a suitable font and to select the same.

It was decided that the font purchased would be the beautiful oak pedicel font with cover, containing a beautiful spun brass bowl for water. This lovely gift now adorns the sanctuary inside the altar rail. Its cost was \$210. The dedication of the font was a part of the morning service on the day of the Centennial celebration.



Jericho Church, 1950

A BRIEF HISTORY OF STERLING COMMUNITY

From the History of the Lackawanna Valley by H. Hollister, written in 1869, I quote the following paragraph: "Some time between the years 1750 and 1760, says Hon. Warren J. Woodward, Esq., in Miner's History of Wyoming, a family named Carter settled upon the Wallenpaupack Creek. This is supposed to have been the first white family that ever visited the neighborhood. The spot upon which the house was built is in view of the road leading from Sterling, in Wayne County, to the Milford and Owego turnpike, seven miles southwest from Wilsonville. The old Indian path, from Cochection to Wyoming, crossed the Wallenpaupack creek about thirty rods below the house of the Carters. During the French and Indian war, which commenced in 1756, the members of the family were all murdered, and the house was burned by the tribe of Indians in the service of the French. When the emigrants from Connecticut arrived on the banks of the Wallenpaupack, the chimney of the house and a stone oven alone were standing. When the first Wyoming emigrants from Connecticut reached the Wallenpaupack, the main body halted, and some pioneers were sent forward, in a westerly direction to procure intelligence of the position of the country on the Susquehanna. The pioneers followed the Indian paths from Cochection in New York across the Lackawaxen, to the point on the Wallenpaupack below the Carter house, where there was an 'Indian clearing', and thence to the 'Indian clearings' on the Susquehanna. This path crossed 'Cobb's Mountain'. The pioneers attained the summit, from which the Susquehanna was in view, in the evening, and built up a large fire to indicate to the settlers the point to which they should direct their course. The next morning the emigrants commenced their journey, building their road as they proceeded. That road, leaving the Sterling road before mentioned about a mile down the creek below the site of the Carter house, is the one which is now constantly traveled between Wilkes-Barre and Milford. It is said to have been most judiciously located. The point on which the fire was built on Cobb's Mountain, was near the present residence of John Cobb, Esq., is pointed out by the people residing on the Wallenpaupack to the present time. One of the first labors of the settlers after their emigration was the erection of a fort. This fort, which was probably somewhat primitive in its construction was a field containing about an acre, surrounded by a trench, into which upright pieces of hewed timber were firmly fixed. The spot was selected from the circumstance of its containing a living spring. The fort was erected on the eastern side of the Sterling road, almost immediately opposite the point where the road leading through Salem, over Cobb's Mountain, and along the Lackawanna to the Wyoming settlements called the 'Old Wyoming road', branches off the Sterling road. Within the inclosed space was a blockhouse, also built of squared pieces of hewed timber, upon the top of which was a sentry-box, made bullet-proof. There was besides, a guard-house, standing just east of the blockhouse." This history is more carefully outlined in Miner's History of Wyoming, page 141; and in Matthew's Wayne, Pike and Monroe Counties.

Goodrich's History of Wayne County states that Wayne county was set off from Northampton county on March 21, 1798. Henry Driinker Esq. of Philadelphia, was a large land proprietor in Wayne county and George Palmer surveyed the county in 1802. In the summer of 1814, Jason Torrey, Esq., resurveyed the county and plotted lots averaging one hundred acres each to be sold for five dollars an acre. It was due to this resurvey and the relocation of the North and South Turnpike that in 1805, Captain Phineas Howe paid taxes on thirty acres of land, and in 1815, on 2744 acres. He paid the highest tax of anyone in the township. The old state road ran about



J. M. Noble's Home, Sterling, Pa.,

one half mile west of the present North and South turnpike. By an agreement with the government, Captain Howe was to have all the certain land west of the state road. He, through surveys moved the road eastward, one-half mile and thus obtained more and better land, even though the road is not so well located as previously.

The first white man who visited Sterling was a shrewd Yankee school teacher by the name of Denman Coe. He came to the Paupack settlement about 1794, and followed the stream to what is now Newfoundland and erected a cabin. Here he brought his family, hunted, trapped and lived a Robinson Crusoe life. He was a stern and powerful man, and for a radius of about ten miles around was 'lord of the fowl and the brute.' He conveyed two or three hundred dollars' worth of furs to Connecticut on his back every year. He cleared up part of the flats, and soon encouraged his friends from Connecticut: William Akers, Andrew Corey, Gabriel Davis, and Phineas Howe to join him. William Akers married the daughter of Denman Coe and erected a cabin in the southern part of the flats. His cabin door was so low that everyone had to stoop to enter it. He had no chairs, no floor, no fire-place. His table was a stump and later when the stump rotted, it was an ash log split in the middle, with holes bored for legs to be attached. In this cottage the first white child born in southern Wayne county was born—John Clements Akers, about 1805. William Akers came in 1800, and Gabriel Davis, his brother-in-law, came two years later. Denman Coe, in 1810, was keeping seventeen head of cattle.

In 1800, Henry Stevens and his family moved to the vicinity of the present Sterling. That year he was taxed as a laborer and in 1803, he was taxed on two hundred acres of land. His land comprised the present land of George A. Howe and John Ferguson.

Captain Phineas Howe settled on 'Dutch Flats' (now Newfoundland) about 1801. He cleared a portion of the land and in 1805, had settled in what is now known as Howe's Valley, which is north of Howe's Mountain. He built a log tavern on the old state road and later built a commodious tavern on the North and South turnpike, east of his first settlement. He built other costly buildings for his day and Howe's Tavern became a popular stopping place for drovers and travelers on this main thoroughfare from Philadelphia to Easton northward to New York State. In 1826, his buildings were all destroyed by fire and he sustained a great loss as fire insurance was an unheard of thing in Wayne County at that early date. He sold then, about fifteen hundred acres of his land and with his son, built a third tavern on the right at the approach to Howe's Mountain. His son, Abram S. Howe was probably the first white child born in the present Sterling Township. He was born June 20, 1806.

Sterling was a part of Salem township until April 25, 1815, and included Dreher and Lehigh townships until Sept. 7, 1877.

In 1805, Robert Bortree Sr., Edward Cross, John Clements, and James Simons were assessed with four hundred acres of land each. Robert Bortree built the first grist-mill and saw-mill in the township. William Gilpin was the first constable, and Jeremiah Bennett was the first assessor.

In 1805, Joseph Simons and Abram Simons paid tax on two hundred acres each. Burrowes Lee came to Sterling in 1816, David Noble in 1816, James Dobson in 1817, Joseph and Allen Megargel, brothers, in 1818; Levi Webster came in 1818, Lewis Barnes in 1818; Robert Catterson came in 1822, and his brother William came in 1845; Elder George Dobell, a Baptist preacher who officiated at a Baptist Service in the house of Henry Stevens as early as 1825, and held private school in the house for the Stevens' children, came in 1818 with Edward Mullensford, both Englishmen from abroad. Giles Dayton, a Methodist Local Preacher came to Sterling in 1821 and built a saw-mill. He often preached here; some of his family are buried in the Sterling Cemetery, the oldest stone there being that of his son. He afterwards removed to Dayton, Ohio, which is said to be named in his honor. Lester P. Adams settled in Jericho in 1825. John Phillips came from Ireland to Sterling, September 15, 1830, and settled near Zion Church.

The resident taxables in the township, in 1815, were: William Akers, Bartle Bartleson, John Bennett, Jeremiah Bennett, Nathaniel Bennett, Robert Bortree Sr., William Bortree, John Bortree, Thomas Bortree Jr., John Burns, John Clements, Edward Cross, Andrew Cory, Richard Gilpin, William Gilpin, William Hollister, Phineas Howe, Jonathan Richardson, and John Brown. These all paid land tax.

In 1821, Edward Bortree, Thomas Bortree Sr, Benjamin Beach, Robert Cross, George Dobell, James Dobson, George Frazer, Dawson Lee, Thomas Lee, William Lancaster, Richard Lancaster, Amasa Megargel, Joseph Megargel, William McCabe, Edward Mullensford, John Nevins, Herman Newton, David Reed, David Noble, John Simpson, Henry Trout, and Levi Webster with those aforementioned paid tax on land.

The section now known as Sterling has had many different names. When it was an unoccupied territory it was designated as the 'Land of the Beeches'. It might well have been called 'the land of the Hemlocks' for the trees of one kind were as



J. E. Cross and W. T. Noble Stores, Parsonage and P. H. Howe

numerous as another. When settlements began to spring up soon after 1800, it was known as the 'Irish settlement'. All the first settlers were Irish, except Capt. Howe, Henry Stevens, David Noble, Edward Mullensford, and Elder Dobell. These were English excepting Henry Stevens who was German. In 1815, it took four months for the news of the battle of Waterloo to reach the Beech Woods.

When the township was formed April 25, 1815, it was named Sterling. There are two explanations of why it was so named. There was a man by the name of Richard Lancaster, an Englishman who was a silversmith by trade. He worked at his trade while living in the township, and sold his solid silver spoons in Philadelphia and it was thought that the people in that city designated this locality as the place where Lancaster made the 'sterling.' However, the reason that is more likely to be the more valid, is that the name was chosen 'Sterling' for it was thought to represent the quality of its residents. Jeremiah Bennett suggested the name for the township.

The small sections of the township where settlements were made were known by the persons who first settled there. There was Nobletown, Howetown, Leetown, K'pptown, Simonstown, Bortreetown, Webster Creek, Hazelton Cemetery, Gilpin Cemetery, Catterson Cemetery. All of these for the most part have been forgotten. Howetown gave way to the name Jericho; Nobletown to the name Sterling; Bortreetown to the name East Sterling; Leetown to the general term 'route 90', and Webster Creek region is now called West Sterling. Flugenville and Frogtown were names of the regions near the schools bearing those names. These were the most original names of all those once used. Zion was so-called because the Bortrees thought the region was like the Biblical Zion 'beautiful for situation'.

The first permanent settler in the present township limits was Henry Stevens, who came in 1800 and built a log house on the turnpike south of the village, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. The first settler in the present village of Sterling was David Noble who came about 1816. He built his log house back of Howard Butler's house on the turnpike. He bought a large tract of land and called it Noble Hill and later Nobleville and Nobletown. It was established and founded by him, his brother, and his sons. William T. Noble came in November, 1821, and built a log house on the turnpike north of his brother.

Whether the town be called Sterling or Nobletown, it is doubtful if a name of higher quality could be chosen. The Noble family was everything the name implied; they were of the aristocracy of New England. It is hoped that there will be a few in all ages who will remember to call the settlement by the name of Noble.

Residences

The first log houses built in Sterling township and nearly all of the first frame houses have been removed. The Irish built three large stone houses in the township now well over a century old. There is only one in the township now; the other two are in Dreher. The house of Adelbert C. Howe was built as a tavern, in 1820, by Henry Stevens and his son Valentine Stevens and is probably the oldest frame house in the township. The house of Dr. Ruel A. Smith and the house of Dr. Robert Rochfort are next oldest. Charles Megargle and William Wirt Noble were owners at one time. Houses approaching the century mark are Howard Butler's and William Hamlin Noble's. The former house was erected by James M. Noble to replace the first house built in the village. It was a log and frame affair which stood directly back of the new house. It had been erected by David Noble. The house of Mr. W. H. Noble was erected by William E. Hamlin about 1856. It stands on the foundation where William T. Noble erected his log house upon coming to Sterling in 1821. The log house was replaced by a frame house which was erected in the front yard. The house was sold to D. Lyman Noble who moved it by six yoke of oxen and skids to its present location. It is the dwelling of the Pruss family and is situated on the turnpike north of the village. Byron Hamlin remembered as a very small boy seeing the oxen haul the old house away. He watched it from the windows of the new house. Thomas M. Noble built the Gilpin house about 1860. Isaac F. Megargle built the house of Freeman Cross about the same time. Many of the old frame houses in Sterling were built with six by six beams in the corners of the rooms. This ancient construction method determines the age of the house. Amasa Megargle, son of Charles Megargle lived in a house which stood on the foundation of the present home of John Gillner. He operated a wheelwright shop across from the IOOF Hall. This house was sold to Hewitt Howe who moved it north on the turnpike and it is now the home of Ray Stevens. Mr. Joseph E. Cross built the Gillner residence about 57 years ago. Next to this house was a blacksmith shop operated by Charles Megargle; south of that was a large barn in which Methodist services were held prior to 1837. Next to Ames' barn was the building erected by David Noble for a store and later converted into a dwelling with two apartments. John Williams lived in the north end and Lyman Ames in the south end. Ames' barn was moved east and is now used by Fred Skelton. John Williams operated a shoemaker shop over his part of the duplex house. The shop was reached by outside steps on the north side.

Stores

The first store in Sterling was built in 1821-22 by William Taylor Noble. It was situated on the foundation of the store of Mr. Gillner. In 1873, it was moved north and until twenty-five years ago, when dismantled, stood between the present store building of John Gillner and the house owned by John J. Gillner and occupied at the present time by George Skelton.

Mr. Noble sold in March 1840 his building and merchandise to William E. Hamlin and James M. Noble. Hamlin and Noble, brothers-in-law, had been engaged for a decade in lumbering, having built the first steam sawmill in the county. In 1864, the partnership of Noble and Hamlin dissolved after a most agreeable association. Men whose superior qualities of mind and heart rendered such an intimate association very satisfactory. Mr. Noble returned to lumbering and his son, Thomas M. Noble went in the partnership with his uncle, W. E. Hamlin. In 1869, Byron E. Hamlin took the place of Noble and the store operated under the name of W. E. Hamlin & Son. In 1879, W. E. Hamlin retired and the business was known as B. E. Hamlin & Co. In 1874, a new and improved store building was erected by the Hamlins, on the foundation of the W. T. Noble building, this being the one now owned and operated by Mr. Gillner. B. E. Hamlin sold out the store in the late eighties to Simons Brothers: Alfred and Edward Simons. This proved unsatisfactory and about 1891 Simons Bros. sold to Joseph E. Cross.

The second store in Nobletown was built in 1827 by David Noble, brother of William T. Noble. This store was of short duration as the owner died three years later. The building was converted into a double house. It was the dwelling of John Williams and Lyman Ames for many years. It is situated on the turnpike, south of the other store, same side, and is now owned by Mr. Fred Hall and occupied by the owner and Fred Skelton.

The third store in Nobletown was built on the turnpike in 1861, by Isaac F. Megargle who operated it for a time and then sold to Ernest Stevens who conducted store more than a decade and finally sold to Samuel N. Cross, who lived upstairs with his family. This is now the residence of Horace Phillips.

The largest mercantile pursuits known to Sterling were conducted by the Cross Brothers. In the early seventies, J. E. Cross began a jewelry and watch repair shop in a shanty in Freeman Cross' yard. In 1878, Albert J. Cross built the large store north of the Freeman Cross residence. Here the three brothers were in partnership. Albert Cross lived in the house now occupied by his son and J. E. Cross and family lived over the new store. This was operated for about a decade under the firm name of Cross Bros. About 1891, the Cross Bros. spread out and S. N. Cross bought out Ernest Stevens, J. E. Cross bought out the Simons Bros., and A. J. Cross remained in the former building. S. N. Cross conducted a hardware, boots and shoe store in his store. A. J. Cross sold furniture, dry goods and clothing in his store; his wife conducted a millinery store in the same building. J. E. Cross, in the new Hamlin store, sold groceries, crockery, and jewelry. The W. T. Noble store building north was used for storage and later as a feed store. Charles Vuelle conducted a photograph studio and a bicycle shop in connection with J. E. Cross. At the apex of popularity these stores drew trade from all over the southern part of Wayne County. They were patronized by nearly everyone in Newfoundland. Each store employed several clerks. When farmers came to trade, the produce was taken to

"J. E.'s" store; he in turn issued a type of paper money that was redeemable at the stores of "S. N. & A. J."

About 1889, the Patriotic Order Sons of America built a Lodge Hall south of the Methodist Church. They rented the first floor to Horton T. Noble and Henry Bradbury, brothers-in-law, who conducted a thriving grocery business and sold, in 1892 to Thomas M. Noble, who with his sons, kept store there until the former's death. The business was then sold to J. E. Cross.

William E. Hamlin was the first postmaster in Sterling and was appointed September, 1849, a position which he held until his death. The office was filled by his son, B. E. Hamlin, Alfred Simons, J. E. Cross, and the present postmaster is J. J. Gillner.

SCHOOLHOUSES

The first schoolhouse in this section was erected at the rear of the Moravian parsonage in Newfoundland or 'Dutch Flats' by Captain Phineas Howe in 1812. It was a square edifice with a roof running up from each side to a point. Nancy Bennett taught here in 1812, and Betsy Clements taught soon after.

Captain Phineas Howe built a schoolhouse in Sterling Township in 1831. This was the first school within the present township limits. It was on the left of the turnpike about eight rods south and opposite the Howetown Cemetery. Tryphena Lee and James Woodbridge were the first two school teachers. The latter married a daughter of Captain Howe. This was the first voting place in the township. It was called the Paupertown school and the building was torn down in 1878 and relocated beside and south of the Jericho Presbyterian Church. It was called the Howetown or Jericho School. Annie E. Bortree, Edith Williams, Annie M. Phillips, George I. Gilpin, Edith M. Howe, Margaret M. Howe, Ella Nevin, and scores of others taught in this school. It was discontinued in 1918, when pupils were transported to Nobletown school. The building has been removed.

The Catterson Schoolhouse was the second one built within the present township limits. It was built, in 1832, on the corner above Isaac Simons' house. It was built by Robert Catterson. They paid a fabulous salary of one dollar a week and the female teachers had their board with the pupils. Mary Ann Cross, sister of James Cross; and James Van Camp taught here before 1840. This school house burned and when built was relocated on the road south of the Catterson Cemetery. It was known as the Maple Grove School or the Flugenville School. This school was discontinued in 1909.

The school house in Nobleville was built in 1837. It was a frame style building, with one room. Nancy Dayton, daughter of Giles Dayton, a Methodist lay-preacher, was the first teacher. David W. Noble, son of William T. Noble was the second teacher. This building was used for church purposes and voting purposes for many years. About 1870, this building was sold to Daniel Slote who moved it on his property; now the residence of Fred Zane. A new school house was built that year. It was on the same foundation and was a frame building larger than the first, and contained two doors for entrance. This building was sold to Elmer Chapman, in 1909, and he built the large cement structure. This building with four rooms served as the Sterling Consolidated School until it was discontinued in 1947. The POS of A hall was rented by the School Board and



S. N. Cross and B. J. Cross Stores

it served as the 'high school' building. The Sterling students are now transported to Newfoundland by bus daily. The Nobletown school was constituted a two-year high school and the first graduating class was given diplomas in 1910. Later it was made a three-year high school and graduation exercises were held annually. It is impossible to mention all the teachers and graduates who have taken part in this school but it would not be complete if the efficient services of Francis H. Curtis Jr., Principal and Miss Margaret M. Howe of the grammar department were not mentioned. They taught school many years and have instructed many of the residents of the township.

There was a schoolhouse built in West Sterling on a foundation where later the West Sterling Church was built. It was known as the 'Red Schoolhouse' and was built in 1855. It was used for school and church purposes by the people in the territory. It was torn down in 1879 and relocated near Webster Creek about half way to Hollisterville from Nobletown. This school was called the Frogtown school and was operated until 1915, and then children were transported to Sterling school. The Leetown and Zion Schools were built in 1879. The Leetown school was built on route 90 near Ubans on the Southwest corner, where route 90 is joined by the Bortree road. This school was used until 1911 when it was discontinued and the building removed. Zion school was located on top of Zion Hill, south of the cemetery on the south side of the cross road. This school was abandoned in 1918.

LODGES

Sterling Lodge, No. 959, Independent Order of Odd Fellows was organized in September, 1879, with the following charter members: Rev. J. F. Warner (a Methodist preacher who was the first Noble Grand), Byron E. Hamlin, W. J. Wallace, Lewis Simons, George E. Cliff, William Yates, Daniel Bortree, R. W. Balem, A. C. Angel, B. L. Deekard, William Stevens, A. C. Howe, John H. Catterson, John J. Frey, M. Jasper Webster, P. T. Howe, J. R. Sinquet, S. T. Olmstead, Robert McLain, and J. R. Osgood. About 1887, the lodge erected a hall for meeting purposes and moved there from the rooms over Hamlin's store. Ray Stevens was initiated into the lodge December 7, 1889 and has been associated with the lodge for sixty of its seventy year history.

On December 10, 1887, a charter from the State Lodge of Pennsylvania was granted Washington Camp No. 279 Patriotic Order Sons of America at Sterling, with the following charter members: A. C. Howe, P. T. Howe, Friend Miller, Frank Hedglin, Charles C. Hawk, E. T. Ferguson, Frank C. Simons, Charles M. Smith, Oscar A. Swingle, Charles Luchs, William Swingle, George Ziegler, J. D. Hendershot, J. M. Catterson, Hermon Dobson, P. W. Gillner, P. W. Felton, H. J. Myers, Ziba Mott, Frank Barnes, T. E. Stevens, Z. T. Swarts, A. B. Williams, F. L. Hartford, Walter Musgrave, Thomas Musgrave, Thomas Neville, Albert McLain, Charles McLain, Ruel A. Smith, George E. Cliff, Merritt Smith, Edwin A. Seig, Will'am R. Sinquet, William M. Ziegler, L. O. Smith, and Louis Ziegler. The first officers were: Oscar A. Swingle, President; Phineas T. Howe, Vice President; E. T. Ferguson, Master of Forms; Adelbert C. Howe, Financial and Recording Secretary; Charles Luchs, Conductor; John M. Catterson, Treasurer; Georg Ziegler, Inside Guard; T. E. Stevens, Outside Guard; Hermon Dobson, Past President; A. C. Howe, Janitor. On November 1, 1889, the heirs of James M. Noble deeded the lot south of the Methodist Church to O. A. Swingle, Friend L. Hartford, and T. E. Stevens, Trustees, and a lodge hall was built. Present officers are: Louis Altemier, President; Horace Phillips, Vice President; Paul Lee, Secretary; Lawrence Simons, Treasurer; Fred Hall, Conductor. They meet at present in the IOOF Hall in Sterling.

CHURCHES

The Methodist Episcopal Church at Sterling was the parent of at least two other churches within the township: the East Sterling and the West Sterling Methodist Churches. In 1828, there was a large group of Methodist Episcopalians throughout the United States that had become dissatisfied with the system of Church Government and the "ruling elders" called bishops. They were earnest and godly persons largely moved by an insistence on lay representation. This group broke away from the Methodist Episcopal Church and formed the Methodist Protestant Church or the Protestant Methodist Church. They were identical in doctrine with their parent but approved of a "ruling elder" to be known as a president who would be elected and then succeeded in office. (The Methodist Episcopalians and the Methodist Protestants reunited in 1939, and now both are ruled as one by Bishops!) Perhaps the organizers of the East and West churches were not so much concerned with whether Bishops ruled them or did not rule them as they were that a House of God was erected for them and their families. The distance to Nobletown then, when travelled by horses or oxen, was too much of a trip for Sunday with the necessary work, so these two churches were erected.



South Main Street, Sterling

EAST STERLING CHURCH

The East Sterling Protestant Methodist Church was begun by the children and grandchildren of Matthew Bortree who had been instrumental in establishing the Methodist Class at Nobletown in 1806. The East Sterling Church was always known as Bortree Church. In the days of its infancy it was completely filled with Bortrees and a few Gilpins who had married into the Bortree Family. The first members were: William Bortree, Edward Bortree, John Bortree, Robert Bortree Jr., all sons of Robert Bortree Sr., who was born in Ireland in 1760 and son of Matthew Bortree; together with John Robert Gilpin, who was a son of Richard Gilpin Sr., and whose wife, Susannah Bortree was a daughter of Thomas Bortree Sr., brother of Robert Bortree Sr. John Robert Gilpin lived 'back' of the Bortree Church in the stone house, east of the Gilpin Cemetery, that he or his father erected at a very early date. (It is still standing and in good repair.) The East Sterling Church was dedicated November 18, 1855. Ministers served the church regularly and Sunday school was held every Sunday. In 1905, the church was reported to have been burned maliciously. The Church was rebuilt in exactly the same style that its antecedent had been. When Dreher township was formed, in 1877, Bortree Church was no longer in Sterling. The church was discontinued and lately the building was sold, the title cleared and the building transformed to a private dwelling.

WEST STERLING CHURCH

About the time the building was first built at the Bortree Church, 1855, Christians in West Sterling took courage and organized a Methodist Class consisting of Alanson Gregory, Class Leader; Robert Catterson, Eli S. Barnes, John Wallace, Cyprian Van Gorder and James Carruth with their wives as members. About 1879,

the West Sterling Protestant Methodist Church was organized and in that year the Church edifice was built. The Church was located on the west corner of the junction where the Hollisterville road joins the Moscow road. A number of hemlock trees were in front of the church. It was, like the Bortree Church, just a plain frame building, without steeple or bell. This church was always served irregularly, never oftener than twice or thrice a month. It was finally moved bodily to Hollisterville, and annexed to the Hollisterville Methodist Protestant Church. The building is unchanged today in appearance.

JERICO CHURCH

Nearly all of the original members of the Presbyterian churches in Wayne county were of New England origin, and most of them were Congregationalists. The pioneer Connecticut settlers were largely of that denomination. They were stalwart Christians of the Puritan type—men and women of character, with a calling and an election 'sure'. The Presbyterian Church in Salem was organized in 1808 as the Congregational church and was later, in 1832, organized as the Presbyterian Church of Salem. Henry and Martha Stevens, the progenitors of the Sterling Stevens family, were members at that time. By 1834, the following Sterling people had joined the Salem Presbyterian Church: Phineas Howe Jr., and Mary Ann his wife; Abram S. Howe and Harriet N., his wife; Mary Jane Howe, Lester P. Adams and Margaret T., his wife; Daniel Noble and Fanny N., his wife; Erastus Noble, Adaline Noble, Mary Ann Hewit and Eliza Wheeler. The Salem Church records the following: "These, all in good standing, and having requested to be set off from this church, in order that they may if the Presbytery deem it expedient, be organized into a separate church: The church in Salem do most cordially give them up for this object and whenever they shall be so constituted they will be considered as dismissed from us. By order of the Session, Rev. M. Jewel, Moderator, July 6, 1834." In 1836, Rev. Joseph Barlow was installed as pastor of the Salem Presbyterian Church, and began ministering in Sterling or Howetown, preaching in the tavern of Captain Phineas Howe and later in the Paupertown or Howetown Schoolhouse. In 1837, it was constituted a Congregational Church, with the aforementioned as charter members.

When Rev. A. R. Raymond was installed as pastor of the Salem Church, he continued to serve the Church at Howetown from 1844 to 1863. During his time Gabriel Brown, Margaret Brown, Joseph Megargel, Abigail Megargel, Abram Howe, Rebecca Howe, Morilla Howe, Alexander Ore and wife, William Ore and wife, Nathaniel Martin and wife, Thomas Brown, Isabella Brown, Tryphena Howe, Almeron Howe, Tryphena Adams, James Kerr and wife, Mary H. Howe, and Benjamin Correll united with the Church.

In 1850, a modest frame building with one large room, was erected for a Congregational Meeting House. This building is still standing, though in disuse and in great neglect, it is remarkable that it appears so well as it approaches the century year. This church existed as a Congregational Church until September 3, 1871, when Rev. Yates Hickey, Presbyterian Missionary, and Rev. C. M. DesIslets of the Salem Church, reorganized the Howetown Church as the Presbyterian Church of Jericho. (Salem was the Jerusalem, Howetown the Jericho.)

The Presbyterian Church had as members: Phineas Howe and wife, Miss Mary H. Howe, Windsor M. Howe and wife, Almeron Howe, Thomas Brown, Benjamin Correll, Margaret T. Adams, Amelia Cliff, Joseph Megargel, Abigail Megargel, Try-



phena Megargel and Adelbert C. Howe. Lester P. Adams and Benjamin Correll were made elders of the new church. Lester P. Adams had been ruling elder of the former church for many years. The pulpit was always supplied from the Salem Church from the time of the first organization until 1884, when Rev. Norman Skinner, a student from Union Theological Seminary, came and preached during the summer. During his ministry the church flourished greatly. The building was repaired and an organ, church furniture and carpet were purchased, and fifteen new members were added to the Church. Roswell Noble, Oscar Noble,

Charles Stratton, the Cliffs, the Stevenses, the Yateses and the Browns, the Howetown community in general took a new and revived interest in the Church. There was a flourishing Sunday School at Jericho Church which numbered over a hundred, for many years. The pulpit was served from Salem Presbyterian Church for years. Students from Union Theological and Princeton Theological Seminaries served until about 1920, and since there have been no services.

The Jericho Church is one of the ancient landmarks in Southern Wayne County that still bears a witness to the former days and the testimony to the ancient faith that built it. It is a modest, simple, yet complete one-room building. Its membership probably never exceeded fifty and as it approaches the century mark, there are only seven members remaining. The communion set, pulpit chairs, the pulpit Bible, and the church records are in the possession of the Lackawanna Presbytery. Many of the furnishings have been removed, legally and otherwise, and the church is in general decay. Its glory has departed and soon the people and place that knew it once shall know it no more.

ZION CHURCH

The Zion Episcopal Church was founded during the rectorship of the Reverend Edwin S. Mendenhall at Salem's St. John's Episcopal Church. Land for the church and cemetery was given in 1810 by Mrs. Mary Ann Clements, widow of John Clements who settled on the farm now owned and occupied by his great-grandson, Lawrence Simons. The land was deeded to the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania about 1847. The church was admitted into the Convention of the Diocese and then a charter was obtained, in 1851. The foundation was begun in the fall of 1851 and the corner stone of the church was laid October 25, 1851 by Bishop Alonzo Potter, during the rectorship of Rev. Edwin S. Mendenhall. The carpenter work began immediately after the laying of the corner stone and by spring the roof was on. Richard D. Leshner and Ezekiel Ellsworth were the carpenters and their bill for labor was \$298.43. George Foot plastered the Church in the summer of 1853 and on July 14 was paid \$40 for the job. The style of the church was Gothic and the eaves about six feet above the ground; the roof was very high and steep. A cross was placed on the peak of the roof sometime later; this was the gift of Mrs. Mary Phillips. The beautiful stained glass windows that ornamented this lovely church were the gift of Mr. Samuel Simons of Philadelphia. Very handsome and expensive altar windows were given later by Mrs. Ellen Mary Beale, daughter of Rev. Mr. Mendenhall: one in memory of her father, one in memory of her mother, Elizabeth Culbertson Mendenhall; and the third one in memory of her sister, Anzonetta Mendenhall. All three persons are buried in this cemetery. The church was dedicated and consecrated by Bishop Potter on November fourteenth, 1853. An interesting receipt now in the possession of H. S. Simons, grandson of the following Richard Simons reads: "Received May 4, 1853, of Richard Simons ten dollars being the amount of money lost and eighteen dollars, the expense of self and horse in Philadelphia for eighteen days while making collections for Zion Church in the Fall of 1852. Edwin Mendenhall".

The first church wardens were: Richard Simons and John Phillips. The vestrymen were: Edward Cross, Charles F. Clements, Ezekiel Ellsworth, John Phillips, John H. Bortree. Richard Simons, Erastus Jones, James Cross, James Simons; and later Charles Waldash, William Catterson, William B. Simons, Joshua Neville and Robert J. Bortree were prominent members.

The church was situated in the Northeast corner of the cemetery and the entrance faced south. The membership of the church was small and services were irregular. The rector from Salem supplied and lay-readers from Honesdale conducted services. There was a thriving Sunday School for a time. The last service in the Church was the funeral of Mrs. Mary Phillips, mother of Mrs. H. S. Simons. This was February 27, 1928. The Archdeacon of the Diocese of Pennsylvania soon sold the church for \$40 and it was torn down. Mrs. Phillips had for years been custodian of the church and had superintended the upkeep of both the cemetery and the church. She was the last surviving member and since the building was badly in need of repair, it was removed. Many persons have regretted this act and have lamented that this beautiful House of God could not have been restored and retained. Kenneth Loring of Hamlin bought the building and used the lumber. The lovely stained glass windows were given to the new Episcopal Church being built at Winton, Pa. Some of the furnishings were removed to the St. John's Church and rectory in Salem.

CEMETERIES

The first cemetery or burying ground known to be in the present township, was the Methodist Church yard. This was the site of the home of Matthew Bortree, and it is thought that he is buried on this spot with several of the early settlers and their families. The exact location of several of the graves was south and west of the old church.

The second burying ground in Sterling is on the farm of George A. Howe, on the turnpike, south of the barn on the left of the road. The only distinguishing thing of the spot now is the slight knoll where perhaps thirty of the first settlers and their families are interred. George Stevens, David Noble and wife, Valentine Stevens and wife, and others were reinterred in the present Sterling Cemetery, or their marble slabs were removed if the bodies were not. Some of the Cliffs and Stevens as well as others are still buried here.

The third burying ground in Sterling is the present one, which was begun in 1860. The money used to purchase this "God's acre" was given by the Trustees of the Methodist Church out of the estate left by Edward Mullensford. The land was purchased from James M. Noble for the sum of one hundred dollars. The cemetery was under the care of the Methodist Church until it was incorporated more than a decade ago. There is a diligent attempt to keep all the lots mowed and in good shape. The Cemetery Corporation has a considerable amount of money invested and there are a large number of stockholders. The oldest grave stone in the cemetery is that of Avery F. Dayton, son of Lucy and Giles Dayton, of Mass., who died September 2, 1823, aged 19 years. He is buried on the Howe farm.

The Zion Cemetery was begun in 1846 and was used primarily for members of the church. However, many of the people buried there now were not Episcopalians. Aaron Nelson and family, colored, are buried in this cemetery. Rev. Mendenhall is buried here. The oldest stone is marked 1846. The Mullensford family is buried in this cemetery. They were English and died without heirs and left their entire property to the Methodist Church in Nobletown. "Mary Ann Mullensford, daughter of Edward and Mary Mullensford, died November 12, 1857, aged 46 years. 'Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivereth her out of them all.'" "Mary, wife of Edward Mullensford, died February 16, 1858, aged 87 years.

'A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised'." "Edward Mullensford, died February 24, 1858, aged 74 years. 'Christ is precious', his last words."

The Gilpin Cemetery, now in Dreher Township, situated northeast of the East Sterling Church was begun in 1823. The earliest grave stone is that of James Dobson who died January 23, 1823, aged 41 years. Richard Gilpin Sr., gave the land for this cemetery and is buried here. He has a most unique tombstone. It is the most quaint and picturesque of any seen in the cemeteries of the townships. The cemetery is abandoned now; the last grave was in 1938. All roads and approaches to the cemetery are cut off, and one must walk at least a half mile before the cemetery is in sight. It contains the bodies of the early Gilpins, Bortrees, Crosses and others.

The Hazelton Cemetery is just over the line in Dreher township. It was donated as a private cemetery in 1857 by Abram Hazelton who was buried there in that year. His sons and families and William J. Skelton, a son-in-law, are buried here. It is no longer used.

The Catterson Cemetery is located in Sterling Township, on the road west from the village. The land for the cemetery was given by Robert Catterson, who died January 29, 1853, aged 76 years, 2 months and buried there. His wife Ann survived him until her ninety-third year. The oldest stone is that of Matilda, wife of John Sheerer who died April 19, 1839 aged 42 years, 10 months, 8 days. Nancy Ann Catterson, daughter of Robert, and wife of Nicholas Stevens, died May 29, 1845, aged 43 years, 10 months.

There are three graveyards that have been pointed out near Nobletown where people were buried. There was a very small plot west of Howard Bufler's house. The children of James Noble and others were buried there. There was another plot about ten rods west of the North and South near the line between Freeman Cross and Frank Stevens. It is not known who or how many persons were buried there. There was a third plot where once a marble slab stood to mark a grave. It was east of Eber Gilpin's house

ADAMS FAMILY

1. Lester P. Adams was born in Caselton, Vermont, October 30, 1803, and married March 8, 1826 to Margaret T. Cooper born at Sandy Hill, Dutchess County, N. Y., December 12, 1806 and died March 8, 1891. Lester P. Adams moved to Sterling about 1830 and settled in Jericho, near the Cliffs. He died September 29, 1864 and they are buried in the Howetown Cemetery. Children: Rebecca Maria, born April 20, 1827; Henry Nelson born June 30, 1828; Enoch Noble born October 2, 1830; John A. Adams born May 18, 1832; Malenthan Adams born Feb. 16, 1834 and died Feb. 7, 1835; Thaddeus Adams born December 21, 1835 and died in October, 1895 at Glens Falls, N. Y.; Adaline Adams, born April 9, 1838 and died March 26, 1922; Lester Theophilus Adams born February 14, 1840; Aurelius Adams born September 10, 1842 and died April 4, 1900; Margaret Tryphena Adams born June 9, 1845; Philip Adams born October 21, 1847 and died May 2, 1850.

2. Rebecca Maria Adams, daughter of Lester P. Adams (1) married February 14, 1850 to John Edwards, born December 13, 1825 and died April 7, 1911. She died January 8, 1904. Children: Margaret Angelica Edwards married Henry Vin-



Nobletown School, About 1907

cent Mitchell; Mary Celestia Edwards married Joseph Meytrott; and Grace Victoria Edwards married Clark Helwig.

3. Henry Nelson Adams, son of Lester P. Adams (1) died March 26, 1900. He married October 24, 1858, and lived at Salem.

4. Enoch Noble Adams, son of Lester P. Adams (1) married April 29, 1855, Morilla Finch. They lived at Gouldsboro.

5. John Adams, son of L. P. Adams (1), died in the Civil War, August 8, 1864.

6. Lester Theophilus Adams, son of L. P. Adams (1) married Sarah Jennie Dobson on June 29, 1865. She was the daughter of Sarah Heazelton and William Dobson, and was born October 7, 1845 and died November 20, 1919. L. T. Adams died June 23, 1914. Children: Charles (died June 17, 1941) married Ada Cater-son; and Bertha E. Adams, born July 27, 1879.

7. Margaret Tryphena Adams, daughter of L. P. Adams (1) married July -, 1863, Amasa Megargle, son of Charles Megargle. Tryphena Megargle died December 14, 1914. Children: Elwood and Mamie Megargle.

8. Mary Celestia Edwards, daughter of Rebecca Maria Adams (2) married Joseph Meytrott. They had one daughter: Margaret Elizabeth Meytrott who married Floyd W. Webster, son of C. E. Webster.

BARNES FAMILY

1. Lewis Barnes, probably a native of Connecticut, came to Sterling in 1818, and located about one mile south of Edmund Hartford's mill on the Paupack. Hartford came to Sterling in 1814 and bought the grist mill built by Ephraim Bidwell some years previous. Hartford's mill was on the Sterling side of the Paupack and his son, Thomas, built a saw mill across the creek on the Salem side. It is not known whom Lewis Barnes married. She was probably a Sackett, but that is only a conjecture from the family name that she afterwards willed money to his children. Lewis Barnes had ten children who came to adulthood: Merritt P. Barnes, William Porter Barnes, Amanda Barnes, Eli Sackett Barnes, Sarah Barnes, Ann Jane Barnes, Elizabeth Barnes, Isaac M. Barnes, Almira Barnes; Clarissa A. Barnes, born March 16, 1840.

2. Merritt P. Barnes, son of Lewis Barnes (1) married Harriet Long and moved to Davenport, Iowa. Children: Myra, Anna, Mae, and Blanche Barnes.

3. William Porter Barnes, son of Lewis Barnes (1) married Mary Sloats, daughter of George Sloats (or Slot) of Nobletown. Porter Barnes was a noted fiddler and served in the Civil War; he lived at South Sterling. Children: John, Floyd, Effie, and Phoebe Barnes Riefenberg.

4. Amanda Barnes, daughter of Lewis Barnes (1) January 1824-1908, married John Lancaster, son of Richard Lancaster, 1820-1896, lived at South Sterling. Children: Frances Jane, born April 20, 1843, died May 10, 1852; Emily, born November 17, 1848, died January 2, 1857; Richard, born October 9, 1850, died September 30, 1852; Harriet Lancaster Rhobacker; Jessie J. married Lewis Carlton, Oct. 7, 1877; Mary; Margaret, 1861-1887; Baldy, and Reuben.

5. Eli Sackett Barnes, son of Lewis Barnes (1) 1826-1907, married November 27, 1851 to Emeline Warner of Coolbaugh Township, Monroe County, who died while E. S. Barnes was in the Civil War. She died February 22, 1865. Eli S. Barnes was an active member of the Capt. Warren G. Moore Post, G. A. R. at Nobletown. He lived on his father's farm in West Sterling. Children: Charles E. Barnes born January 23, 1855, died March 17, 1855; Byron L. Barnes died October 25, 1865; Lewis A. Barnes born January 29, 1865 and died October 17, 1865; and Franklin M. Barnes born June 12, 1856.

6. Sarah Barnes, daughter of Lewis Barnes (1) married a Scovil and lived at Wyoming, Luzerne County.

7. Ann Jane Barnes, daughter of Lewis Barnes (1) married a Lancaster and lived at Hillsgrove, Sullivan County.

8. Isaac Barnes, son of Lewis Barnes (1) 1834-1924, married Lydia Gilpin 1840-1890, daughter of Richard Gilpin Jr., and sister of Jeremiah Gilpin of Sterling. They are buried at South Sterling. Children: Lydia B. Barnes, George A., Thomas; Alvan married Dora, daughter of George Bortree of Greentown; and Lois Barnes, wife of Robert Whittaker.

9. Clarissa A. Barnes, daughter of Lewis Barnes (1) died June 26, 1866, married B. B. Dunning, of Greene Township, son of John Dunning Sr. She is buried at South Sterling. Children: Emily Dunning, Laura Heffley, Laanna Dunning, married May 2, 1882; Samuel Smith, Amanda Dunning Burk, and Durbin Dunning.

10. Franklin M. Barnes, son of Eli S. Barnes (5) died May 9, 1930. He married Ida M. Swink born January 19, 1863 and died February 5, 1943. He was the third generation Barnes to occupy Lewis Barnes property and built the third house on the farm. His brothers are buried on the farm. Children: Leta E. Barnes born April 11, 1889 and died September 4, 1944; Orin H. Barnes born June 14, 1892; Howard L. Barnes born April 15, 1894.

11. Orin H. Barnes, son of F. M. Barnes (10) married in 1911 Myrtle Cross, daughter of J. E. Cross. She died July 4, 1940. Children: Harrison Barnes, born May 23, 1912, and Leland Barnes.

12. Howard L. Barnes, son of F. M. Barnes (10) lives on the Lewis Barnes farm now one hundred and thirty-two years in the family. Married Evelyn Knight. Children: Howard L. Barnes Jr.; and Franklin M. Barnes.

BORTREE FAMILY

There is a tradition in the Bortree family that their ancestor in Ireland was a foundling not many generations back, and found under a bush something like our elder called bore tree; hence the name Bortree. Their family is presumably the only family of that name to be found. However little the name is known elsewhere, it has not been uncommon in Sterling. Matthew Bortree had four sons: Robert Bortree Sr., Thomas Bortree Sr., John Bortree Sr., Simon Bortree Sr., and Mary Bortree, wife of Richard Gilpin Sr. The family of the latter is discussed in the Gilpin family. The name has had at least two spellings: Bortree, which is more common today, and Botree, which was used by many of the older members of the family.

1. Matthew Bortree and his eldest son, Robert Sr., came to Philadelphia and on to Sterling in 1806. Matthew Bortree settled on the site of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Nobleville, that year. He invited Methodist preachers to preach in his house in 1806 and out of his efforts, the Methodist Class was organized. He died not long after and is buried on the present Church lot. Matthew Bortree, like all the other Irishmen who came, was a Methodist.

2. Robert Bortree, son of Matthew Bortree (1) was born in Ireland January 9, 1760 and died in Sterling, November 19, 1845 aged 85 years, 10 months, and 10 days. He came to Sterling in 1806, and located at East Sterling, now in Dreher. He built his house on the site of what was 10 years after his death, the foundation of the East Sterling Methodist Church and built a grist-mill on Bortree Creek, near his place, in 1812. He used a native stone for grinding. In 1816, he secured a stone from Philadelphia. It was said of him that he was an open-handed, free-hearted Irishman. He was a great Methodist Christian and preached every Sunday to the early settlers when the "circuit rider" did not appear. He held a local Preacher's license. He married Margaret in Ireland. She was born in 1771 and died December 4, 1841. Their sons were: William, John, Edward, Robert Jr., and Thomas 2nd. The daughters, according to the will of Robert Bortree Sr., recorded at Honesdale, were: Mary Headley, Elizabeth Killam, Sarah Gilpin, and he mentions grandchildren: Holland Weede and Robert Weede, children of my deceased daughter Charlotte Weede; and Mary Jane Richardson, another granddaughter. Very little is known of the daughters of this family. Sarah Bortree married her first cousin, William Gilpin, son of Richard Gilpin Sr.; Elizabeth Bortree married Lewis Killam, born Oct. 16, 1801, son of Elizabeth Witter and Benjamin T. Killam. They died in Dexter

township, Wastenaw Co., Michigan. He died April 7, 1851. Charlotte Bortree was the first wife of Smith Weede, a native of Horse Neck, N. Y. He died September 1876, aged 65; their children, Robert E., and Franklin Holland, were twins. Many of this family are buried in the Gilpin Cemetery. Several of the daughters lived at Canaan.

3. William Bortree, son of Robert Bortree Sr. (2) was born in Ireland. He married a girl from Stroudsburg, Pa., and settled one-fourth mile northeast of the Bortree or East Sterling Church. He was a Methodist preacher of some ability and his voice from the pulpit was often heard in this section. His children were: Mary Ann, Charles, Samuel, and Daniel. Charles Bortree went to California in 1849 and never returned. Mary Ann Bortree married Seth G. Nicholson of Salem and had two children: Frank Nicholson, who married Emma Houck born Feb. 10, 1854, daughter of Nathan Houck of Greene; and Miriam Nicholson who married Ira Killam, and Rhoda, single.

4. Daniel Bortree, son of William Bortree (3) married Frances Emily Uptigrove. Children: Marcus, Maurice, Jennie, and Katie. Maurice Bortree married 1st, Carrie Lamb, 2nd, Lulu Walter.

5. Marcus Bortree, son of Daniel Bortree, (4) son of William (3) married Henrietta Snook. Children: Arthur, who married Lizzie Depew (they had a daughter, Jean Bortree, wife of Robert Berry); Ralph, who married Nancy Johns; Rose, wife of Richard Beaman (they had: Emery Beaman married Ruth Evans whose child is Joan Beaman; Francis Beaman married Thelma Master whose children are Richard and Howard Beaman; May Beaman, wife of Cressel Lyle Chapman, son of Emily Phillips and A. B. Chapman, whose children are Rose Mary and Johnnie Chapman). Rose Bortree married 2nd, George Burdick. (They had Dorothy Burdick, wife of Richard Hoffman, whose children are: Richard, Dale, Judy, and Walter Hoffman). Chester Bortree married 1st, Lillian Strackbein, 2nd, Rose Nagy. Howard Bortree married Cora Batzel; (their children: Leona, Howard, Sandra, Ilene, and William Bortree). Margaret Bortree, wife of Patrick Clifford (they have Naomi, Howard and Donald). Margaret married 2nd, Neil Kilroy.

6. Jennie Bortree, daughter of Daniel Bortree (4) married Lafayette Spangenberg. Children: Eva, wife of Howard Sivartz (children: Clara Sivartz, wife of Dr. Gordon Kizer; Clifford Sivartz, and Jennie, wife of Walter Zarske, who have a daughter Myrna); and Marcus Spangenberg, wife of J. Johnson who have a son, Earl Johnson).

7. Katie Bortree, daughter of Daniel Bortree (4) married Jacob Gillner Jr. (Children: Homer Gillner married Virginia Gilpin, and have a daughter Charlotte Gillner); Jessie and Clarington.

8. Samuel Bortree, son of William Bortree (3) born Feb. 20, 1826 and died August 13, 1887. Married Elizabeth Simons born April 27, 1830. He lived on the farm of Robert Bortree Sr., and operated the old saw and grist mill of his grandfather in Sterling. They are buried in Simonstown. Children: Oscar, Silas, Frank, Lucy A., born October 12, 1857 died March 25, 1871; Mary E. born May 8, 1860, died November 22, 1860; Seth N., born August 20, 1861, died May 14, 1865, and Joseph M., born July 13, 1868, died May 21, 1870.

9. Oscar Bortree, son of Samuel Bortree (8) married Lulu Kizer. Children: Gordon, married Helen Cobb, have daughter Beatrice, married 2nd, Ruth Safford,

have daughter, Sharon. Earle, married Mabel Shaffer; have children: Fern, married a Sweeny. Earlapd married Ruth Mittan and have Earland Jr., and Lewis Bortree; Mildred Bortree, wife of Guydon Sieg and have a son: Clarence; Albert Bortree, married Lillian Lockwood, 2nd, Priscilla Newton and have: Louise and Walter; Robert Bortree married Gladys Smith and have: Judy, Roger and Claudia; Patricia Bortree, wife of Fred Madden and have: Fred Madden Jr.; Grace Bortree, wife of Sam Best, and Edward Bortree.

10. Silas Bortree, son of William Bortree (3) 1852-1923, married May, 1875 Emma Augusta Sidell born July 22, 1855, daughter of Augustus Sidell of Germany. She is living at Lake Ariel and furnished much of the genealogy of this family; a most remarkable person for one 95 years old. Children: Frances Elizabeth, who died at the age of 13 years; George Howell Bortree, married Sedelia Slager and have a son, William. Floyd E. Bortree died September 3, 1946, married Anna Kirby whose children: Atherton, died at the age of 12; and Emma Aline, wife of Burton Derby.

11. Frank Bortree, son of William Bortree (3) married Elizabeth Jones. Children: Lucy, wife of Allen Van Gorder whose children are: Allen Jr. and Kenneth Van Gorder; and Charles Bortree of Hawley who married Margaret Marshall. Their children are: Charlotte, Franklin, Dorothy, wife of Raymond Wilds and have daughters Margaret and Audrey. Robert Bortree married Florence Mougnois and have sons, Robert and Gerard.

12. John Bortree, son of Robert Bortree (2) was born in Ireland in 1788 and died in Sterling, September 17, 1867 aged 79 years. He came to Sterling with his parents in 1806 and when he reached his majority, he settled one-half mile north of the Bortree Church. He married Ann Gilpin, his first cousin, daughter of Richard Gilpin Sr. She was born March 2, 1792 and died October 31, 1870. They had no children. Buried in Gilpin Cemetery.

13. Edward Bortree, son of Robert Bortree (2) was born in Ireland, May 10, 1790 and died in Sterling August 10, 1860, aged 70 years and 3 months. When of age, he built a stone house on a hill one-half mile west of the Bortree Church. He married Eliza Gilpin, his first cousin, daughter of Richard Gilpin Sr. She was born September 17, 1789 and died May 1, 1869 aged 79 years, 7 months, and 15 days. Their children were: Philena, who died young; Robert John, born July 7, 1817; Richard, born May 29, 1820; William Edward, born April 3, 1823; Mary G., born January 20, 1830; Abram, who died a youth; and Joseph, who died single. Edward Bortree and wife are buried in the Gilpin Cemetery.

14. Robert John Bortree, son of Edward Bortree (13) settled north of Zion Church. He married in 1849, Catharine Peet, daughter of Anna Wright and Charles Peet of Salem. She was born August 26, 1829 and died February 23, 1873. Robert John Bortree died May 14, 1887. Children: Oliver T., married Janie Wolfe, daughter of David Wolfe; Gilbert F., born August 17, 1851, married September 25, 1877 Fannie Lee, daughter of Dawson W. Le; Ann Eliza, a teacher, died September a teacher; Mary J., married December 1, 1880 Amzi Van Campen; Edward, who died at the age of 5 years; Emma R., died young; Lydia A.; Carrie Eva, wife of Charles Farringer; A. Minnie, second wife of Richard Simons, son of Lewis Simons; Leonora, a teacher; Frederick G. and Catherine, who died in infancy.

15. Richard Bortree, son of Edward Bortree (13) lived on his father's home-
stead, and married Mary Cravath, born May 26, 1829 and died September 9, 1875.
Richard Bortree died September 4, 1886.

16. William Edward Bortree, son of Edward Bortree (13) lived on the John
Clements place north of Zion Cemetery where his grandson Lawrence Simons resides.
He was twice married, first to Miss Hannah Clements, daughter of John Clements,
born April 18, 1827 and died February 13, 1855. They had one son: Edward, born
March 30, 1852 and died April 17, 1885. He married October 6, 1878, Georgianna
Simons, daughter of Abram Simons. William Edward Bortree married for his sec-
ond wife, on December 18, 1856, by Rev. Mendenhall, Lydia Clements, a sister of
his first wife. She was born May 18, 1829 and died April 10, 1905. They had one
daughter, Fannie, born October 14, 1867, wife of Burton F. Simons.

17. Mary G. Bortree, daughter of Edward Bortree (13) married Jabez Simons,
son of James Simons, born March 5, 1820 and died March 31, 1893. Mary Bortree
Simons died June 10, 1912. Children were: Oscar, born May 27, 1852, died January
9, 1880, married Frances Harris; Eliza, wife of Rev. George Shaffer; Edward mar-
ried Lucy Webster; Ida, wife of Richard Bartleson; Albert Simons married 1st, Ella
Burrus, 2nd, Olive Cross, daughter of T. Nathan Cross, died February 10, 1940; and
Laura, wife of Frank Giles.

18. Joseph Bortree, son of Edward Bortree (13) died single December 12, 1893,
aged 69 years.

19. Oliver T. Bortree, son of Robert John Bortree (13) was born June 2, 1850
and died August 15, 1884 aged 34 years, 2 months, and 13 days. He was killed
while operating a threshing machine. His funeral was the largest service ever held
in the Zion Church. He married November 27, 1878, Janie Wolte and had two
children: Claude E., married Belle Gilpin and 2nd, Elizabeth Gilpin, daughters of
Eleck Gilpin; and Beatrice, who married December 24, 1900, Floyd Heazleton, son
of Charles Heazleton.

20. Fannie Bortree, daughter of William Edward Bortree (16) died August 31,
1939; married April 24, 1889, to Burton F. Simons, son of Thomas Simons of Greene
Township, Pike County. He died April 15, 1933. Children: Bertha L., born
February 2, 1890 died April 13, 1934; Ada M., born May 18, 1891; William E., born
November 27, 1894; Lloyd B., born November 14, 1897, and Lawrence Simons.

21. Robert Bortree Jr., son of Robert Bortree (2) was born August 8, 1805 and
died June 23, 1881. He settled in Greene Township. He married Emily S. Carle-
ton, daughter of Mary Banks and John Carleton. She was born May 26, 1813 and
died March 7, 1894. Children: George H.; James, single; Hannah, wife of James
Dale of Daleville; Annie E., born September 25, 1837 and died September 1, 1886,
married a Methodist minister, Rev. Samuel Homan, born September 13, 1832 and
died December 20, 1909; David William, and Charlotte Emily. Robert Bortree Jr., is
buried in the Gilpin Cemetery.

22. George H. Bortree, son of Robert Bortree Jr., (21) 1841-1899 married Ruth
A. Dickerson 1841-1916. Children: Dora, Emma, Addie, Leonard, Richmond S.
D., and Robert Bortree.

23. Dora Bortree, daughter of George H. Bortree (22) married Alvan E. Barnes
son of Isaac Barnes. Children: George Barnes married Elizabeth Breon and have



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children, Jack Breon Barnes and Janet Barnes died young; Lawrence married Anna Piscoc and had Francis Barnes deceased; Robert married Margaret Beers and have Janet Barnes.

24. Emma Bortree, daughter of George H. Bortree (22) married, 1st, William McAree and have Seldon McAree who married Josephine Williams and they have a child, Jane; Emma Bortree McAree married 2nd William Gerhart.

25. Addie Bortree, daughter of George H. Bortree (22) 1874-1914, married Floyd Frisbie 1869-1941. Children: Wilmer, married Esther Miller and has Floyd, and Addie Jane; Charles, married Elizabeth Robacker and has William and Jean; Mary Frisbie.

26. Leonard Bortree, son of George H. Bortree (22) married Lois Gilpin and children are: Selywn, single; Romaine, single; and Pauline, wife of Clifford Fitch and they have Brian Craig and Dennis Neil Fitch.

27. Richmond S. D. Bortree, son of George H. Bortree (22) married Ella Butcher. Children: Rowan R, married Gertrude Whitmore; and Ruth Ann, wife of Clyde Weaver and have children Betty and Patricia Weaver. Ella Butcher, widow of Richmond Portree married 2nd, Henry Hartman.

28. Robert Bortree, son of George H. Bortree (22) married Nettie Fern. Child: June, wife of Lafayette Singer.

29. David William Bortree, son of Robert Bortree Jr., (21) was born July 31, 1852 and died Sept. 17, 1889. He married August 15, 1876, Annie Wolfe, daughter of David Wolfe, born April 16, 1855 and died March 22, 1936. They had two children: Luella, born April 30, 1879, wife of Oscar Sieg; and Edna, born April 11, 1886, mar-

ried May 6, 1908, Walter Malsom, son of Margaret Musgrave and Reuben Malsom. Anne Wolfe, relict of David Bortree, married for her 2nd husband, Samuel Simons, son of James Simons. They had two children.

30. Charlotte Emily Bortree, daughter of Robert Bortree Jr., (21) married John Wesley Gilpin, son of Susannah Bortree and John Robert Gilpin. Children: Edward who married Anna Miller, and Milton, who married Rose Severance. Charlotte Gilpin, daughter of Edward Gilpin, and wife of Friend Black of Maplewood, has furnished a creditable amount of material for this Bortree History. She is a direct descendant of three of the first Bortrees: Robert Sr., Thomas Sr., and Mary Bortree, wife of Richard Gilpin Sr. This is unequalled by none excepting her father's family.

31. Thomas Bortree 2nd, son of Robert Bortree Sr. (2) was born December 19, 1796 and died March 5, 1865. He built a house and saw-mill near his father's grist-mill. Through a family disagreement, he left his home and mill to fall into decay and ruins and moved to Salem and settled east of the village on the East and West turnpike and kept a tavern at Little Meadows for many years. He married Anna Killam, daughter of Elizabeth Witter and Benjamin T. Killam, born March 7, 1798 and died at Grand Rapids, Michigan, March 27, 1884. The Killam family was one of the most prominent in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The children of Anna Killam and Thomas Bortree were: Esther, wife of David W. Noble, son of William T. Noble; Mary, wife of Shay Depew; Emeline, wife of a Quinby; Moses, Franklin Starboard, and Benjamin Killam Bortree. Esther Bortree Noble lived in Maine, N. Y., and there is no information concerning the other daughters. Moses Bortree and his mother went to Michigan to live after 1865. Thomas Bortree II mentioned in his will a grandson, George Vanstorke, who was probably the son of a deceased daughter of Thomas Bortree.

32. Franklin Starboard Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree II (31) died July 12, 1896. He married October 3, 1865, Asceneth Marion, daughter of James M. Noble, born September 18, 1834 and died May 17, 1908. Children: Maude Noble Bortree, born April 23, 1868 and died single December 6, 1899; and Blanche Marion Bortree born July 21, 1870, died 1947, married October 27, 1896, Arthur Thomas Evans. This family died in the State of Washington.

33. Benjamin Killam Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree II (31) lived at Ledgesdale. Married Mahilda (Shouse) Schautz. His life was one of great tragedy. Children were: Sarah, Alice, Mary and Anna; Florance, Frank, Henry W., and John. Ben Bortree is buried in Hamlin new cemetery in an unmarked grave; his wife and Frank are buried in Paupack cemetery.

34. Sarah Bortree, daughter of Benjamin K. Bortree (33) married Moses Cobb of Bidwell Hill. Children: Frank, died at the age of three months; Arthur, died in 1947 at the age of 71, in Osseo, Mich.; Grace, wife of Merrit S. Van Campen; John, married Nina Walker; Stanley; and Lucia, wife of Oscar L. Olson.

35. Alice Bortree, daughter of B. K. Bortree (33) married Frank Rose, lived in Traverse City, Mich. Children: Milton, and Arden, both of Michigan.

36. Mary Bortree, daughter of B. K. Bortree (33) married John Warner, of Mt. Pocono, Pa. Children: Olive, wife of Stanley Zweible; Benton Warner; Ethel Warner, wife of Leroy Kent; Gladys Warner married a Morrell.

37. Anna Bortree, daughter of B. K. Bortree (33) married Newton Lickely of Osseo, Mich. Children: Rena, Ethel and Pearl.

38. Dr. Frank E. Bortree, son of B. K. Bortree (33) single, lived in Sterling with W. W. Noble and practiced medicine for several years. He later went to Lake Como, Pa., where he died May 3, 1888.

39. Mary Bortree, daughter of Thomas Bortree II, (31) married Shay Depeu. They had two children: Nelson, and Augusta, who married in 1875 Chester A. Pellett, son of Sybil Kimble and Gerdon Pellett, born October 31, 1844. Their children are: Gertrude; Sybil, who married in January 1899—H. C. Anness; Frauc, Arthur and Mabel.

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40. Thomas Bortree Sr. son of Mat.hew Bortree (1) was born in Ireland in 1779 and died in Sterling March 1, 1863 aged 84 years. He came to S erling May 7, 1808 and settled west of Leetown on the farm now occupied by Joseph Klepadlo, between the Belmont and Easton turnpike, and route 90. He married in Ireland Mary Ann Heazelton, sister of Abram Heazelton Sr., born April 24, 1778 and died January 24, 1878, lacking only three months of being one hundred years old. They had ten children:

William b. July 14, 1804
Simon b. April 4, 1806
Rebecca b. August 7, 1808
Susanna b. May 2, 1811
Dawson b. April 25, 1813

John H. b. Aug. 31, 1815
Allen b. Dec. 25, 1818
Mary Ann b. Oct. 3, 1820
Elizabeth b. April 10, 1823
Alonzo H. b. August 27, 1825

41. William Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree (40) married Maria Hollister, daughter of Amasa Hollister who settled in Hollisterville at an early date. William Bortree lived out of Moscow toward Daleville. Children: Amasa Hollister Bortree, Alsup Wells, Luther, William, George Quigley Bortree.

42. Amasa Hollister Bortree, son of William Bortree (41) 1842-1921, single, was a school teacher and later a D. L. & W. R. R. engineer. He lived at Nicholson, Pennsylvania, with Miss V. V. Walker for many years.

43. William Bortree, son of William Bortree (41) lived in Scranton, was an engineer. He fought in the Civil War and carried a rifle weighing thirty pounds. He married Alice Travis of Moscow and had: Anna, Bessie, and Amasa. William married 2nd, Lettie, relict of Daniel Lee, and lived at Waverly, Pa.

44. Luther Bortree, son of William Bortree (41) lived on his father's farm at Daleville. Married Rebecca Hollister born June 9, 1835, died May 5, 1892. Children: Walter, born December 1, 1857; died March 28, 1876; William E., single, 1868-1912; Stanley, born April 14, 1859 and died January 16, 1902. He was superintendent of schools in the Phillipines where he died. He was a graduate of Wyoming Seminary. Et:a Bortree married Richard Bell; 2nd, Berton Van Antwerp; 3rd, John Scott.

45. Alsup Wells Bortree, son of Willmiam Bortree (41) 1845-April 4, 1913, married Hannah of Stroudsburg, born March 1, 1846, died August 22, 1909. Lived in Scranton and buried in Forrest Hills Cemetery. Children: Lizzie Mae Bortree

Minnich born September 16, 1868, died November 16, 1891; Harry, single; Grace, wife of Fred Struening; Lillian Bortree Day 1874-September 4, 1929.

46. George Quigley Bortree, son of William Bortree (41) born 1846 and died October, 1909. His mother died when he was three weeks old and he was reared by the Travis family in Moscow. Later he went to live with John Gilpin and Mary A. Bortree Gilpin where he remained until he was of age. He went with John Gilpin when they took the baby out of the sluice. G. Q. Bortree married Harriet Cress, born April 5, 1854, died March 1929, daughter of Jacob Cress of Daleville. Children: Maude, born October 15, 1874, died December 21, 1878; and Amasa St. Clair Bortree married, December 16, 1908 Frances Foote.

47. Simon Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree (40) died February 2, 1889, married Rachel Cross, born November 7, 1814, died January 22, 1878. Children: Eugene, died April 16, 1887 aged 35 yrs., married Addie Churhill; David; Melissa, died January 31, 1934, single; Nellie, single; Frances, born June 1, 1836, died June 26, 1871, wife of F. Rudolph Ehrhardt, married June 19, 1867; Albert E., born May 27, 1846, died March 6, 1848; Sophia A., died March 25, 1865 aged 22 years. David, Melissa, and Nellie went to California where they died.

48. Rebecca Bortree, daughter of Thomas Bortree (40) married December 1, 1841, Abram Sterling Howe, born June 20, 1806, son of Capt. Phineas Howe. She died June 26, 1897 and they are buried at Howetown Cemetery. Children: Cary Adelbert, born August 21, 1842; Harriet Rebecca, born August 5, 1844; Abram Clark, born December 14, 1845, died March 3, 1874; Phineas T., born April 24, 1847; Thomas, born July 14, 1849. Clark Howe married May 18, 1870, Annie Celestia Purdy, daughter of Sally A. and Marshall Purdy, died February 22, 1904, aged 54 years. Thomas Howe married September 26, 1872, Maria Copeland.

49. Phineas T. Howe, son of Rebecca Bortree Howe (48) married July 10, 1884, Emma J. Sinque, daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Fritz) Sinquet, died November 2, 1949 aged 86 years. Children: Elsie Neal Howe; Roy Norman; Maud Sarah, born February 28, 1892; John T. and James, twins.

50. Susannah Bortree, daughter of Thomas Bortree (40) died November 10, 1885. Married John Robert Gilpin, son of Richard Gilpin Sr., born October 6, 1802 and died July 14, 1881. Children: Simon A., born June 8, 1836; John Wesley, born December 16, 1838; Thomas H., born July 24, 1840; Frank, Edward, Richard and Mary died single.

51. Dawson Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree Sr. (40) died in the summer of 1902, at the age of 89 years. He married Elvira Gorman, daughter of Rev. Daniel Gorman. She was born in August, 1821, and died in July 1918 aged nearly 97 years. They are buried in Salem old Cemetery. They lived at Bidwell Hill. Children: Daniel Melvin, born in 1844, died in 1920; Samuel Merwin, born 1848; Alonzo H., born May 16, 1851, died single, February 14, 1919; Frank W., born 1856; Rosina, born in 1846; Mary, born in 1850; Lafayette and Celia.

52. Daniel Melvin Bortree, son of Dawson Bortree (51) married January 1, 1874, Mary Heberling, daughter of Eve Wolfe and Adam Hebrling, 1850-1906. Children: CGra Rosina, 1875-1931, wife of Judson Wilcox of Waymart, have a daughter, Mrs. John Pollock; Loren Alonzo, born in 1877 and died single February 23, 1907; Ella Katherine, born 1879, wife of John Nevin McConnell, has a son, John Nevin Jr., born 1921; and a grandson, John Nevin III; Grace May, born in 1881 resides at

Bloomsburg, Pa.; Freeman 1883-1885; Ida Heberling, brn in 1885 died July 30, 1940, married Homer Baisley and have Blair Heberling-Baisley born in 1911 and married, and Carolyn Isabelle Baisley born in 1918 married Edward Trojanoski; Ada Pearl, twin to Ida, born in 1885, married Maurice E. Wilcox and have two sons, Bernard M., 1918-1939, and Robert Gordon born 1922 married Julia Posdon, live in Waymart; Russell Melvin, born in 1890 and died in 1925, married Grace Finley; Rena Laverne, born in 1892 and died in 1896.

53. Samuel Merwin Bortree, son of Dawson Bortree (51) died June 20, 1918, married Alta Ehrgood 1852—died September 12, 1932. Children: Della 1888-1941, married Dr. John Hoffman; Ethel Bortree born in 1892, wife of Thomas Holden and has two girls: Alta Jane, 1919, and Eleanor, 1926; Virginia Bortree born in 1895 wife of Richard Lenzer and has two girls: Alta May, 1924 and Delberta, 1929.

54. Frank W. Bortree, son of Dawson Bortree (51) married Adeline S. Heberling, daughter of Margaret Shaffer and William Heberling, October 21, 1884. He was killed by lightning July 29, 1903 with his son, Ado. W., 1891-1903. Other children: Myrtle, Leroy, Ellen and Alfred.

55. Alfred Bortree, son of Frank W. Bortree (54) married October 28, 1914, Edna Lee, daughter of Edith Whitney and Benj. Lee. Children: Elsie, wife of Paul Strata; Alfred Jr., and Doris.

56. John Henry Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree (40) died July 18, 1887. Married Eliza Simons, daughter of Richard Simons, born December 24, 1815 and died September 29, 1902. Children: Seth, born November 8, 1854; Nettie, 1847-January 29, 1940, married July 2, 1870 Morris Williams 1846-1925; Adeline, wife of Hartman Frethy; Emma, born November 11, 1857, died June 26, 1874; Harriet, born October 1, 1840, married September 11, 1873 Abram Neville, son of Joshua Neville Sr.; Janie, married October 15, 1884 George Tuttle; Kassie, married Louis Howe; Isaac, born September 4, 1844, died June 6, 1865 at Norfolk, Virginia, after the Civil War; Nellie, wife of Louis Howe.

57. Seth Bortree, son of J. H. Bortree (56) died July 24, 1930. Married Nov. 18, 1855, Julia Neville, daughter of James Neville, born January 27, 1859, died Dec. 8, 1921. Children: Pearl, born September 15, 1887; Florence born August 21, 1890, wife of David Fitz; Harry born August 12, 1892 died December 26, 1918; Howard, born April 2, 1896, died December 14, 1896; Rena born November 13, 1898, wife of Frank Hansen.

58. Pearl Bortree, daughter of Seth Bortree (57) married May 5, 1906 Arthur Phillips, son of George W. Phillips. Children: Helen, Friend and Harold.

59. Allen Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree (40), died January 30, 1899. Married Frances Cross, daughter of Edward Cross, born July 8, 1819 and died January 28, 1864. Children: Albert and Theodore, single; Victoria married September 24, 1885 Oscar Noble. Allen, married 2nd, October 26, 1865 Mary Jane Stevens, born September 16, 1823, died February 8, 1899, daughter of Valentine Stevens Sr. No children.

60. Mary Ann Bortree, daughter of Thomas Bortree, (40) married Richard (called Johnnie) Gilpin, son of Richard Gilpin Jr., born October 12, 1827, died April 2, 1886. She died October 11, 1870. Children: Mary Elizabeth, born March 12, 1854, died August 12, 1854, buried at the Flats; Thomas F., born July 8, 1855, died

July 15, 1879; Richard Burrows, born August 6, 1857; Rosina, born August 14, 1860, died February 7, 1889; Marcus Alonzo, born April 19, 1862; Morilla, twin to Mark, died March 10, 1946, wife of William Dunn.

61. Richard Burrows Gilpin (called Budd), son of Mary Ann Bortree Gilpin (60) married October 27, 1886, Lucia Cobb born September 7, 1864, died September 7, 1941. He died March 10, 1928. Children: Mason; Helen, married June 18, 1924 William Henry Ferris, son of George Ferris.

62. Mark A. Gilpin, son of Mary Ann Bortree Gilpin (60) died September 5, 1929, married Saturday, February 25, 1888, Edith Crocker a native of England, born October 24, 1870. Children: Iantha, born December 26, 1888, married February 4, 1908 Charles Kellam; Ray, born September 15, 1890, died December 20, 1939; Tilman, born November 28, 1892; Marvin, born February 12, 1895, died January 24, 1903. Edith Crocker Gilpin married 2nd, August 27, 1938, Dr. Ruel Augustus Smith, son of Tunis Smith, born April 17, 1863.

63. Elizabeth Bortree, daughter of Thomas Bortree (49) died July 10, 1905. She was the second wife of Richard John Gilpin and raised the family of her sister, Mary Ann Bortree Gilpin.

64. Alonzo H. Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree (40) died October 12, 1866. Married Harriet E. Lee, daughter of Simon Lee, born April 15, 1829, died April 6, 1889. Children: Thomas, born in 1864; Ira Lee, born March 3, 1866, died January 26, 1894.

65. Thomas Bortree, son of Alonzo H. Bortree (64) died January 17, 1896. Married January 25, 1893, Harriet Walker, daughter of John Walker of Salem. One child: Alice, wife of Harry Merring.

BORTREE FAMILY—PART III.

66. Simon Bortree, son of Matthew Bortree (1) remained in Ireland. He married an elderly woman of some means. He was assassinated while riding in his carriage. His brother, Robert Bortree Sr., returned to Ireland and settled the estate, brought back the money to the heirs in Sterling. It was on this trip, in 1832, that Robert and Thomas Cross came to Sterling with Robert Bortree.

67. John Bortree, son of Matthew Bortree (1) lived and died in Ireland. His widow and four children came to America with Robert Bortree Sr., in 1832. The widow of John Bortree was Maria Bortree, born in Ireland in 1768 and died June 10, 1864 aged 96 years. She and her son Robert Bortree II, are buried in Zion Cemetery. The children of John and Maria Bortree were: Maria, born in 1800; Robert II, single, 1806, died May 17, 1878; he and his mother lived where Beischers now live; Ann Bortree born 1811; and Thomas Bortree II born in 1814.

68. Maria Bortree, daughter of John Bortree (67) was born in Ireland in 1800 and died in Sterling April 10, 1878. She married John Phillips born in Ireland in 1795 who came to Sterling 1830 and died February 12, 1881. Children: Samuel, John B., Mary Ann, Richard G., Absolem, and George W.

69. Ann Bortree, daughter of John Bortree (67) born in Ireland in 1811 and died in Sterling April 15, 1881. She married in 1830, James Carruth born April 17,

1807 and died November 6, 1871. They settled on the farm in West Sterling now owned by Stanley Carruth, third generation. Children:

Margaret Carruth b. October 23, 1831	Mary Jane b. Oct. 21, 1842
Charlotte Carruth b. April 16, 1834	Rebina b. April 19, 1844
Maria Carruth b. Oct. 9, 1837	John Carruth b. May 24, 1846
William A. Carruth b. Mar. 3, 1839	d. in Civil War
Eliza Carruth b. Feb. 13, 1841	James Thomas Carruth b. Jan. 3, 1849
d. June 16, 1842	

Margaret Carruth m. August 13, 1850 to William Gilpin
 Charlotte Carruth m. August 13, 1850 to James Dobson
 Maria Carruth m. June 21, 1855 to Elisha Butler; she died February 10, 1912
 Mary Jane Carruth m. October 17, 1861 to John B. Gilpin
 William A. Carruth m. December 31, 1864 to Jane Gow
 Rebina Carruth m. June 16, 1869 to James Wallace; she died April 17, 1870

70. James Thomas Carruth, son of Ann Bortree Carruth (69) died May 22, 1916. Married March 16, 1878 to Elsie Beisecker, born January 25, 1859, died January 21, 1906. Children:

Eva Laverne Carruth b. May 5, 1879	Elva Rebina Carruth b. Oct. 25, 1889
Milton Raymond Carruth b. Jan. 7, 1881	Stanley Lewis Carruth b. Aug. 28, 1892
Fred James Carruth b. Oct. 21, 1884	Baby Carruth b., d. Oct. 22, 1904
Verna Carruth m. May 11, 1904	Clare Frisbee

Milton Carruth m. October 11, 1906 Lida West
 Fred James Carruth married June 24, 1915
 Elva R. Carruth m. June 29, 1909 Ralph Swingle

71. Stanley L. Carruth, son of James T. Carruth (70) married June 24, 1930, Ruth Ives, daughter of Albert Ives. Children:

James Albert Carruth b. Nov. 8, 1931	Louise Ruth Carruth b. Dec. 16, 1933
Lawrence Glen Carruth b. October 24, 1937	

72. Thomas Bortree II, son of John Bortree (67) born in Ireland in 1814 and died in Sterling, June 14, 1893. He settled on the present farm of John Lanuti. He married Elizabeth Simpson, daughter of Sarah Allen and Joseph Simpson, 1818-1894. They had ten children: Margaret A., born May 15, 1843, died January 31, 1893, married August 19, 1874, Arthur J. Rollison as second wife, born September 20, 1828, died October 27, 1895; John Robert, born August 24, 1844, died September 14, 1916, married Mary J. Becker, born December 12, 1856, died February 15, 1919; Lucy J., wife of W. Holland Richardson of Waymart; James Allen, married Emma Rambel of Lake Ariel; Olive A., wife of George Sherman of Lake Como; Susannah, born January 8, 1852, died December 24, 1930, married Thomas Nathan Cross, born February 19, 1843, died December 26, 1927; Sarah Elizabeth, wife of Emory Heazletten of Pike County; Maria, who died at the age of three years; Thomas Washington, born in 1859, died March 4, 1906, was a physician, surgeon, and dentist, married Mattie L. Martin and second, Anna E. Dunham; and Mary E., wife of Fred Hall of Sterling.

73. Russell Melvin Bortree, son of Daniel Melvin Bortree (52) married Grace Finley. They had six children: Loren Melvin, born in 1910, married Leola Field and have Viola, born May, 1935; Grace Gertrude, born 1936; Elsie Jean, born 1937;

Loren Melvin Jr., born 1946; Buel A., born in 1912, married Jessie Hazen and have Buel Abraham Jr., 1934; LaVonne Annette, 1936; Russell Irwin, 1939; Joseph Ronald, 1941; Virginia born May, 1943; Raymond, 1945; William Brian, 1949; Earl A., born 1914 and died in 1921; David, born in 1916, lives on Bidwell Hill with his mother; Gertrude May, born 1918, died 1931; Ernest E., born 1921, married Roberta Kessler and have two children: Robert Ernest 1943 and Barbara Elizabeth 1947.

BUTLER FAMILY

1. George W. Butler Sr., son of Lydia Tindall and Daniel Butler, was born in Sheldon Falls, Massachusetts, April 19, 1812. He migrated to Sterling in 1835 and settled on the road leading east to the Zion Church. Here he died, April 14, 1885. He married Sylva Jones, daughter of Sally Clark and Erastus Jones of Sheldon Falls, Massachusetts. She was born March 21, 1819, and died April 20, 1894. Children: Elisha J.; Sidney, who died when two years old; Horace L., of Lake Township; John B., married Esther Dickerson of Greene Township; Charles, born September 30, 1835, was killed on Allegheny Mountains, January 15, 1864; Amanda, born February 19, 1850; died May 19, 1872; wife of James Hineline; Sally Ann, wife of George Chamberlain of Lehigh township; Maria, wife of Joseph Ferguson; Angeline, born March 8, 1855, wife of John L. Brown of Salem; Sylva, wife of Thomas Neville; Eliza, born January 4, 1860, died October 14, 1861; and George W. Butler Jr., of Dunmore, Pa.

2. Sally Ann Butler, daughter of George W. Butler (1) married George Chamberlain. Children: Sylva, wife of John Phillips; Maude, wife of Elbert Jones; John and Thomas. Sally Ann Butler married 2nd, Henry B. Cook as his second wife; had one child: Amzi B. Cook, of Lake Ariel.

3. Maria Butler, daughter of George W. Butler (1) married Joseph Ferguson. Children: Charles, died June 4, 1944; Josephine and Sally Ferguson.

4. Elisha J. Butler, son of George W. Butler (1) married June 21, 1855, Maria Caruth, daughter of Ann Bortree and James Caruth, born October 9, 1837 and died February 10, 1912. Children: Ella, wife of David Finley; Rabina, wife of Walter Frey; Frank, Norman, William, Lewis, James, Grace and Charles Butler.

5. Rebina Butler, daughter of E. J. Butler (4) married Walter Frey. Children: Stanley and Gladys Frey.

6. Frank Butler, son of E. J. Butler (4) died December 25, 1915, married Emeline Cross, daughter of Thomas Cross. Children: Gerald, Glenna, and Glenly.

7. Norman Butler, son of E. J. Butler (4) married Charlotte Walrath who died January 26, 1930, daughter of Gabriel Walrath. Children: Howard, married March 27, 1912, Mabel Musgrave; and Russell, killed October 17, 1928; married Carrie Neville. Norman Butler married 2nd, Louise Horbach. No children.

8. William Butler, son of E. J. Butler (4) married Mame Muller. Children: Fred, married Edna Mitchell; John Roland, William Jr., and Eva, wife of Harold Haberland of Hollisterville.

9. Lewis Grant Butler, son of E. J. Butler (4) was born July 14, 1873 and died September 15, 1938. He married October 14, 1896 Lida Simons born July 17, 1871, daughter of Charlotte Dobell and William B. Simons. Children: Ella Charlotte

born November 3, 1897 married Rev. Theodore B. Wallin, missionaries in Africa; Earl Lewis, born July 11, 1899 married Mina Moessner; Clarence William, born October 31, 1901 married Margaret Simpson born September 29, 1901.

10. James Butler, son of E. J. Butler (4) married Ethel Frey. Children: Lee, Harvey, Ellis, Esther; and Dorothy, wife of Dr. Hugh Ward.

11. Grace Butler, daughter of E. J. Butler (4) married Rev. Arthur Fiske, Methodist Protestant minister. Children: Marion and Ruth.

12. Charles Butler, son of E. J. Butler (4) died November 23, 1915, married 1st, Hettie Clough. Child: Robert, married Gladys Frick. Charles Butler married 2d, Myrtle Simons, daughter of Walter Simons. No children. Charles Butler married 3rd, Mary Houser. Children: James and Franklin Butler.

13. George W. Butler, Jr., son of George W. Butler (1) was born July 29, 1857 and died April 11, 1885. Married Caroline, born June 22, 1868 and died October 25, 1928.

14. John B. Butler, son of George W. Butler (1) 1843-1924 married Esther Dickerson 1845-1915. Buried in Kiptown Cemetery. Children: Evelyn, 1865-1884; Eliza, August 13, 1869-September 27, 1880; Sylvia, April 3, 1874-October 12, 1880.



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CATTERSON FAMILY

1. Robert Catterson came from Donegal County, Ireland to Philadelphia, in 1811 and to Sterling in December, 1822. He settled on the Moscow road about

three-fourths of a mile west of Nobletown and built a log cabin near the present cemetery bearing his name. He was born November 29, 1776 and died January 29, 1853. His wife Ann, was born February 3, 1781, and died September 3, 1873. Children: William, who lived on the Walter Musgrave farm, died February 8, 1884 aged 84 and married Martha Stevens, born December 29, 1802, died August 29, 1868, daughter of Henry Stevens; thy had no children; Nancy Ann Catterson, first wife of Nicholas Stevens, born July 28, 1801 and die May 29, 1845; John Catterson, and Robert Jr.

2. John Catterson, son of Robert Catterson (1) died in Sterling March 14, 1892 at the age of 90 years. He married Ann Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens; she died May 27, 1879 aged 72. Their children were: Ann, wife of Josiah Curtis Jr., parents of George and John Curtis, of Salem; Martha, wife of Robert Frear of Wyoming, Pa; Caroline, born January 2, 1824 and died of cholera same day as her child, October 15, 1860, wife of Alanson Gregory; Sarah, wife of William Henry Martin; Mary, married November 18, 1876, George Archibald, born January 1, 1844; Robert A., born October 19, 1836, died March 23, 1868, served in Civil War; had a daughter Annie, wife of Walter Cox; Henry Nelson, born April 27, 1839, died September 10, 1895; married July 9, 1868, Velona S. Gorman 1850-1930, daughter of Julius and grand-daughter of Rev. Daniel Gorman; had a daughter Ada L., died September 24, 1948, wife of Charles Adams; John M., born February 12, 1841, died 1920, married Alevia Appleman, born August 29, 1841, died 1917; and William Dean Catterson, born November 9, 1845.

3. John M. Catterson, son of John Catterson (2) married Alevia Appleman and had one son, William Charles Clarrington, born June 9, 1867 and died October 2, 1949. He was a medical doctor and married November 23, 1892, Elizabeth A. Beo h born October 10, 1869.

4. William Dean Catterson, son of John Catterson (2) died September 18, 1894. He married Mary Jane, daughter of Isaac Smith and Elizabeth Rawlston Smith, born September 1, 1841, died February 19, 1910. Child: Ella, born September 21, 1869, died January 22, 1949. She married November 22, 1893 Isaac G. Simons, born January 20, 1869, died October 31, 1933. Child: Karl O, born November 27, 1895, married Ruth Webster.

5. William Catterson, brother of Robert Catterson (1) lived in Philadelphia for many years and came to Sterling about 1845. He bought the Enoch Noble place one-half mile west of Noble Hill. Born in Ireland, July 2, 1782 and died in Sterling, September 5, 1867; Elizabeth, his wife, born May 12, 1787 and died September 7, 1872, buried in Zion. Children: Alexander, married Almira Foster; Isabella, born December 25, 1823, died August 31, 1889, wife of Nicholas Stevens; John, born January 3, 1823, died May 4, 1902 married Ellen born March 28, 1822, died September 2, 1895; Elizabeth, born March 18, 1829, died July 31, 1877, wife of George Stevens, Jr.

6. Robert Catterson Jr., son of Robert Catterson (1) born February 12, 1811, died September 16, 1874, married Mary Orr. Children: William, 1830-1904, married Mary E. Dunning 1842-1906; Robert, married Jane Dunning Schwartz; Ellick, 1851-October 2, 1910, married Catherine E. Depue 1846-September 4, 1897; Lemuel, married Elizabeth Abdell; Gabriel O., born May 30, 1848, died September 7, 1896, married Nora Webster; Frances, married Martin Philo.

CLEMENTS FAMILY

1. John Clements was born September 25, 1762, in County Tyrone, in the North of Ireland, and left the Cove of Cork September 8, 1798, landing in New York on the 13th of the following November. On March 4, 1804, he purchased a tract of land in Sterling township, Wayne County, consisting of 434 acres, upon which he continued to make his home throughout the remainder of his life. In 1810, he moved his dwelling house to the top of Zion Hill where the house of his great grandson, Lawrence Simons stands. John Clements married first, Mary McGill, by whom he had two daughters: Mary, born October 10, 1801, (died March 10, 1842) wife of Simon Lee; and Elizabeth (called Betsy) born July 7, 1805, (died Nov. 15, 1870) wife of Jeremiah Bennett, born April 7, 1780, died July 13, 1857, of South Sterling. In Philadelphia, Mr. Clements was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Ann McKean, who was born May 29, 1790 in County Armagh, Ireland, and when a child of nine years started for America with her parents, who died of yellow fever during the voyage, and were buried at Sea. The children of Mary McKean and John Clements were: William born July 4, 1811, was a blacksmith of Stroudsburg; Hiram born July 17, 1813 and died Dec. 22, 1856 married Sarah Kunkel born April 8, 1815 and died April 28, 1887, parents of Wilbur F. Clements born Nov. 6, 1840, of Moscow; John Perry Clements born November 27, 1815 and died April 14, 1880. He was a lumberman in Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Allen Clements born September 8, 1817 and died February 15, 1832; Sarah N. Clements born April 18, 1820 and died April 6, 1902, married Christian Miller born November 10, 1810 and died November 20, 1887; Charles Franklin Clements born February 28, 1822 and died May 31, 1850; Ellen Clements born November 24, 1823, wife of France Rhobacker; Thomas Clements born July 24, 1825 was a blacksmith of Lockport, N. Y.; Hannah Clements born April 12, 1827 and died February 13, 1855, wife of William Edward Bortree, son of Edward Bortree; and Lydia Ann Clements, born May 18, 1829, second wife of William Edward Bortree. John Clements died July 17, 1831 and his wife Mary Ann McKean Clements died April 14, 1872. Mrs. Clements and her family gave the land for the Zion Church and Zion Cemetery south of their house. William Edward Bortree lived on the Clements farm until his death when it passed to his daughter.

2. Hannah Clements, daughter of John Clements (1) married William Edward Bortree, son of Edward Bortree. They had one son: Edward Bortree born March 30, 1852 and died April 17, 1885.

3. Lydia Ann Clements, daughter of John Clements (1) died April 10, 1905; married William Edward Bortree. They had one daughter: Fannie Bortree born October 14, 1867, wife of Burton F. Simons.

4. Elizabeth Clements, daughter of John Clements (1) married as second wife Jeremiah Bennett. Had one son: Phineas Howe Bennett, born December 14, 1844, died February 19, 1855.

THE CLIFF FAMILY

1. Charles Cliff was born in Nottinghamshire, England, October 22, 1786. He died in Sterling, April 28, 1863. He was married in 1814 to Seline Inkpen who was born in London, England. After a voyage of over two months, they with one child landed in Philadelphia on August 6, 1815. In the summer of 1816, they came

to Sterling, Wayne County, and pitched their tent about one-half mile east of the Jericho Church at a place later called Clifftown. They were early Methodists. His wife died July 28, 1828. They are buried on the G. A. Howe farm. Children: Selina, 1815-1875; Stephen, Charles F., George E., John Wesley, Isaac F., Albert J., and Jesse O. Charles Cliff married, for his second wife, Jane Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens, and Martha Valentine Stevens. She died soon and he married for this third wife, Amelia Smalley, 1817-1904. Children: Annie, who married a Fisher; Mary, Lenora, Clara, Lettie, and Millard Cliff, who died unmarried.

2. Charles F. Cliff, son of Charles (1), was born March 30, 1818 in Sterling and died November 26, 1893. He married Harriet Loveland born May 29, 1820 and died May 29, 1905. No children.

3. George E. Cliff, son of Charles (1) was born July 10, 1820 and died April 23, 1908. He was married November 27, 1861 to Elizabeth A. Stevens, daughter of George and Rachel Weeks Stevens, born September 23, 1825 and died February 28, 1891. Children: Theresa, who died in infancy; Effie S.; and Elva M., married November 8, 1911, Harry Megargle, son of Oakley Megargel.

4. Albert J. Cliff, son of Charles (1) died in Philadelphia, February 29, 1904. He married April 3, 1851, Orra Miranda Noble, born September 25, 1828, daughter of James M. Noble. Children: Emma Noble, born February 16, 1852; Orra Jeanette, born August 19, 1854; Everette Lentworth born January 1, 1857; Frank Lincoln, born January 26, 1860; and Albert Burton, born May 12, 1863.

5. Jesse O. Cliff, son of Charles (1), married Sarah Jane Wall, daughter of Sarah Howe and Ezra Wall. They had several children who died in infancy and: Florence, who married a Dr. Wert of Philadelphia; George II, and Onfonsene.

THE CROSS FAMILY

1. Robert Cross Jr., was born in Ireland, October 1, 1796 and died in Sterling, May 9, 1881. He married Isabella in Ireland, where she was born January 22, 1800 and she died in Sterling, March 12, 1879. They are buried in the Zion Cemetery. They came to Sterling when Robert Bortree Sr., went to Ireland to settle his brother, Simon Bortree's estate. He settled in East Sterling and had the following children: Dilworth, 1830-1912 who married Sarah Ann Heazelton 1829-1912, daughter of Abram Heazelton; Mary Jane, Edward Cross II, and Samuel, who died in the Civil War.

2. Thomas Cross, brother of Robert Cross (1) was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, and came with Robert Bortree Sr., in 1832, when Robert Cross came. Thomas Cross was born in 1800 and died in Sterling, August 31, 1869. He settled on a farm adjoining his brother. He married Jane, 1804-1873. Children were: Abram, born in Ireland, July 20, 1828 and died, February 14, 1894, married Susan Heazelton, daughter of Richard Heazelton, died February 24, 1898; Thomas Nathan born February 19, 1843, died December 26, 1922, who married Susannah Bortree, daughter of Maria and John Bortree; Anthony, William B., Mary Ann, wife of Simon Dilworth of Denver, Colorado; and Sarah Ann, wife of Nathaniel Martin, who located in Dreher.

3. Edward Cross, uncle of Robert Cross Jr., (1) came to Sterling about 1804. He was born in Moroe, Killyman Parish, County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1774 and died

in Sterling June 15, 1854 aged 80 years. He married Frances (called Fally) Simons, daughter of Richard Simons Sr. She was born in 1778 and died April 1, 1852. They purchased 400 acres of land two miles southeast of the Sterling postoffice, where they lived and died. Their children were: Robert II, James, Judith, William, Mary Ann, Rachel, Thomas II, Jemima, Elizabeth, and Frances Jane.

4. Robert Cross, son of Edward Cross (3) was born in Ireland, August 5, 1800 and died in Sterling April 3, 1870. He married Julia A. Robacker, born November 5, 1815 and died September 19, 1882.

5. James Cross, son of Edward Cross (3) was born in Ireland, in 1802 and died in Sterling, March 29, 1885. He married Mary Kipp who was born in Philadelphia July 8, 1816 and died February 7, 1884. She was a daughter of Susan Vaughn, February 19, 1791-June 24, 1879 and Isaac I. Kipp, February 24, 1780-November 24, 1830. I. I. Kipp came to Greene Township from Philadelphia, April 10, 1820 and settled Kiptown in Pike County. Children were: George, born October 3, 1833 and died July 10, 1881, married Margaret Correll; Frances, born November 28, 1834, died October 24, 1842; Susan, born December 19, 1836, died October 10, 1842; Isaac, born May 31, 1838, died October 21, 1842; John, born August 22, 1842, died June 8, 1844; Susan M., born March 20, 1844, wife of J. D. Gilpin; Samuel N., born January 23, 1846; Albert J., born March 17, 1848; Joseph E., born September 15, 1851, and Horace, born August 23, 1855 and died August 16, 1859.

6. Judith Cross, daughter of Edward Cross (3) was born in Ireland, in 1804, and died in Salem, April 8, 1879. She married Charles Goodrich, born January 7, 1791 and died October 12, 1857. He was a son of Charles Goodrich Sr., and Ann Bidwell

7. William Cross, son of Edward Cross (3) was born in Sterling July 9, 1806 and died September 24, 1876. He married Mary Jane Heazelton, daughter of Abram Heazelton, born June 2, 1820 and died March 24, 1864. They had at least one daughter, Harriet, who was born January 31, 1839 and died May 19, 1861.

8. Mary Ann Cross, daughter of Edward Cross (3), was an early teacher in Sterling, married Nathaniel Martin.

9. Thomas Edward Cross, son of Edward Cross (3) was born in 1808 and died May 2, 1890. He married Elizabeth Fisher born 1829 and died July 6, 1894.

10. Jemima Cross, daughter of Edward Cross (3) married Brice Blair.

11. Rachel Cross, daughter of Edward Cross (3) was born November 7, 1814 and died January 22, 1878. She married Simon Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree Sr. Their children were: Eugene, died April 16, 1887; Frances, wife of Rudolph Ehrhardt; Nellie and Melissa, single; and David, of California.

12. Elizabeth Cross, daughter of Edward Cross (3) born 1817 and died May 12, 1844 at the home of Judith Goodrich.

13. Frances Jane Cross, daughter of Edward Cross (3) was born July 8, 1819 and died January 28, 1864. She married Allen Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree Sr. Children: Albert; Victoria, wife of Oscar Noble, and Theodore.

14. Susan M. Cross, daughter of James Cross (5) married 1868 James D. Gilpin, son of Thomas Gilpin. She died April 22, 1919. She lived east of the village of

Sterling on a farm that her father bought September 19, 1858. It was afterward the home of Eber Gilpin. Children: Eber Myron, born January 5, 1870; Lyman James, born September 2, 1873; Laura Alberta, born March 10, 1875; and Nellie Bortree Gilpin, born August 28, 1880.

15. Samuel N. Cross, son of James Cross (5) married Ella B. Anderson. Children: Lillie, wife of Brock Leshner; David, Floyd, and George.

16. Albert J. Cross, son of James Cross (5) married Mary E. Hildebrant, born February 21, 1855, died April 3, 1935. He died February 1, 1935. Children: Freeman; Russel 1884-1898; Clarence, Friend, Earl, Milton, and Beulah, wife of James Musgrave.

17. Joseph E. Cross, son of James Cross (5) married June 1, 1880, Miss Mary A. Neville, daughter of James Neville. She was born September 30, 1853 and died March 2, 1919. Children: Susan J., born March 25, 1882; Katie M., born June 6, 1883; Carl J., born February 25, 1885 and died February 13 1887; Royal J., born April 11, 1886; Stella I., born June 22, 1888; Myrtle A., born August 17, 1889; and Lowell, born February 7, 1896. Joseph E. Cross died November 23, 1944.

THE DOBSON FAMILY

1. James Dobson came from Ireland to Sterling about 1817; and settled on the North and South turnpike, about three-quarters of a mile south of the village of Nobleville. His wife was Susan Heazelton. His children were: William, John, Mary, Fannie, Eliza, Sarah, James, Susannah, and Ann. James Dobson, father of the James above is buried in the Gilpin Cemetery. His stone is the one marking the earliest grave there. The inscription is James Dobson, died January 23, 1823, aged 41 years.

2. William Dobson, son of James Dobson (1), married Sarah Heazelton, who died January 16, 1852 aged 35 years. Their children were: James, who married Lena Sleekster; George, single, born September 21, 1843 and died May 31, 1875; Sarah Jennie, born October 7, 1845; Simon, born March 2, 1842, died April 2, 1865, in the Civil War; Harriet, married Albert Compton; Frances, born in 1847 and died 1861; William Jr., born 1849 and died 1859. William Dobson Sr. died December 2, 1880. Buried in the Salem Cemetery.

3. John Dobson, son of James Dobson (1), married Laura Moore. They had no children. John Dobson was born September 9, 1809 and died June 15, 1882 aged 72 years, 9 months, and 6 days.

4. Fannie Dobson, daughter of James Dobson (1) single, was born February 25, 1816 and died July 31, 1890.

5. James Dobson, son of James Dobson (1) was born in April, 1824 and died December 22, 1874. He is buried in Zion Cemetery.

6. Mary Jane Dobson, daughter of James Dobson (1) born September 6, 1811 and died August 2, 1842, married Thomas Gilpin, son of Richard Gilpin Sr. Their children were: James D. Gilpin, who married Susan Cross; George, Baxter, Susan Jane, wife of William E. Posten; and Thomas Jr., married Catherine Able.

7. Eliza Dobson, daughter of James Dobson (1) single, was born in 1823 and died May 7, 1893.

8. Susanna Dobson, daughter of James Dobson (1) was born June 18, 1838 and died February 15, 1878. She married Joshua Neville. They had the following children: George, died February 10, 1878; Rowland, died February 14, 1878; Alice, died February 24, 1878; Horton, died February 24, 1878; Susannah, died February 26, 1878 and Joseph Neville. All this family including the mother died with diptheria and are buried in Zion Cemetery.

9. Alice Ann Dobson, daughter of James Dobson (1) 1823-1907, was married to John Simons, 1818-1888, son of Hannah Cross and Richard Simons. Their children were: Mary Jane, wife of Peter William Gillner; Hannah, 1849-1869; Dr. Arthur J., married Carrie Hauck; and Myron, married Grace Brown.

10. Sarah Jennie Dobson, daughter of William Dobson (2) married June 29, 1865 to Lester Theophilus Adams, son of Lester P. Adams. She died November 20, 1919. Children: Charles and Bertha E.

11. Sarah Dobson, daughter of James Dobson (1) was born February 13, 1817 and died single, June 29, 1861.

THE FERGUSON FAMILY

1. Thomas Ferguson (or Furgeson) was born in Ireland, January 1, 1802, son of George and Ann Wallace Ferguson. In 1820, he came to America with his parents and lived in Philadelphia, until 1834, then moved to Sterling and settled west of Henry Stevens Sr., under the mountains, where Webster now lives (1950). This was the property formerly owned and cleared by Patrick and Bernard McCabe. Thomas cleared a large tract of land here, was a farmer and drover of cattle. He was elected a County Commissioner of Wayne for one term. He died May 27, 1884. He married, in 1828, Hannah Severs, who was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1806 and died in Sterling March 25, 1882. Children: George, born November 16, 1829; Sarah A., born June 30, 1831 and died December 28, 1832; Margaret, born March 6, 1833; Edward, born February 8, 1835; John, born May 7, 1837; Thomas, born May 1, 1839; James, born in 1842 and died unmarried; William, born March 8, 1845; Joseph, born October 14, 1847.

2. George Ferguson, son of Thomas (1), married Charlotte R. Raub, born September 22, 1829 and died November 25, 1876. Son: Elmer, married Emma Jones. George married (2) Elizabeth Walters; no children. He died November 21, 1900.

3. Margaret Ferguson, daughter of Thomas (1) married Robert Stevens, born December 25, 1830, son of Nicholas Stevens. Children: Everett, married Cora Malson; Alice, married October 2, 1884, Lucine Brink; Clarence, father of Miss Mildred Stevens of Salem.

4. Edward Ferguson, son of Thomas (1) married Mrs. Mary A. Fike Hender-shot, born April 10, 1840. Daughter: Stella, married Fred Swingle.

5. John Ferguson, son of Thomas (1) married July 4, 1859, Mary Jane Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens Jr., born August 7, 1838, died December 2, 1929. Children: Idella H., born January 26, 1860, died February 5, 1884, married, March 19, 1881, Walter Pace; Lillie F., born May 18, 1862, wife of Leonard Watson; John W. born October 27, 1864; married Effie Hazelton; Jessie C., born August 31, 1867, mar-

ried John Saucenhammer; Alberta, born June 11, 1870, married Elmer Webster and 2nd, Fred Chapman; Horton W., born January 1, 1873, married December 25, 1900 Amy Saucenhammer; Harley M., born September 6, 1875 married Mame Rotterman; and Oscar, born May 5, 1879, who died young.

6. Thomas Ferguson, son of Thomas Ferguson (1), died unmarried in California. He requested that he be cremated and his ashes strewn upon the waters of the Pacific Ocean. This was done and against his wishes his money was sent home by his friends there to be divided among his family.

7. William Ferguson, son of Thomas Ferguson (1) married May 20, 1872, Macrina Raub. Children: Lizzie and Alma, both died unmarried.

8. Joseph Ferguson, son of Thomas Ferguson (1) married Maria Butler, daughter of George W. Butler Sr. Children: Charles died June 4, 1944, married Pearl Musgrave; Josephine married T. J. Reynolds; and Sally, unmarried.

THE GILPIN FAMILY

1. Richard Gilpin Sr., was born in Ireland, December 18, 1752 and died in Sterling, January 8, 1835, aged 82 years and 21 days. He is buried in the Gilpin Cemetery in Dreher. His tombstone is one of the most unique in any of the cemeteries in this section. He married Mary Bortree, daughter of Matthew Bortree and sister of Robert Bortree Sr. She was born in 1760 and died August 24, 1842. They came to New York from Ireland, crossed into New Jersey, thence to Easton, Pa., and in 1810 to Dreher. He took up four hundred acres of land on the Wallenpaupack Creek, one mile east of his brother-in-law, Robert Bortree Sr. Their children were: Sarah, (called Sally) born October 15, 1784, wife of Abram Heazelton; Eliza, born September 17, 1789, wife of Edward Bortree, son of Robert Bortree Sr.; Ann, born March 2, 1792, wife of John Bortree, son of Robert Bortree Sr.; William Gilpin, married Sarah Bortree, daughter of Robert Bortree Sr.; Mary Jane, born in 1797 and died July 16, 1881, wife of Jesse B. Ransbury who died May 8, 1860 aged 65 years; Richard Jr., born May 15, 1800; John Robert, born October 6, 1802; and Thomas, born December 19, 1806. Jesse Ransbury was the blacksmith for the settlement.

2. Richard Gilpin Jr., son of Richard Gilpin (1) was born in Ireland. He died in Dreher February 25, 1870. He married December 28, 1824, Eliza Bennett, daughter of Lydia Brown (1780-1826) and Jeremiah Bennett, she was born February 3, 1808 and died November 20, 1886. Buried in Pine Grove Cemetery. Children: Charles W., born October 14, 1825, died March 24, 1893, married Margaret Ann Lancaster; Richard John, born October 12, 1829, died April 2, 1886, married Mary A. Bortree, daughter of Thomas Bortree Sr.; Jeremiah, born May 16, 1830; Thomas II, born December 19, 1832 and died in 1855; William Ritner, born January 25, 1836, married May 13, 1869, Elizabeth Wallace; (2) Mary Huguenin; Robert Emory, born May 19, 1839, married Amanda Houck; Lydia, born August 18, 1840 and died in 1890, wife of Isaac M. Barnes; Fletcher, born July 2, 1843, medical doctor, married Elizabeth Houck; George A., born April 25, 1846 and died in 1860; James M., born March 10, 1850, married November 13, 1878, Lizzie Simons, born October 1, 1856, daughter of Lewis Simons.

3. John Robert Gilpin, son of Richard Gilpin (1) married Susannah Bortree, daughter of Thomas Bortree Sr., born May 2, 1811 and died November 10, 1885.

John Robert, died July 14, 1881. Buried in Gilpin Cemetery and lived just east of it in an old stone house still standing. Children: Simon A., born June 8, 1836; John Wesley, born Decemr 16, 1838; Thomas Harrison, born July 24, 1840; Frank M., Edward, Richard, and Mary, died unmarried.

4. Thomas Gilpin, son of Richard Gilpin (1) married Mary Jane Dobson, daughter of James, born September 6, 1811 and died August 2, 1842. He died May 24, 1844. Children: James D., born July 1, 1837; George, Baxter, and Susan Jane, wife of William E. Poston. Thomas married (2) Elizabeth Lee, daughter of Thomas Lee. Son: Thomas Gilpin Jr. Elizabeth Lee Gilpin later married David Wolfe.

5. Richard John Gilpin, son of Richard Gilpin Jr. (2), married Mary A. Bortree born, October 3, 1820 and died October 11, 1870. He kept toll gate on the North and South turnpike and lived where E. R. Walslik lives. Children: Rosina, Thomas, both died unmarried; Burrows Gilpin married Lucia Cobb; Marcus Alonzo, married Edith Crocker; Merilla, married William Dunn. Richard John, married (2) Elizabeth Bortree, bor nApril 10, 1823, sister of Mary A. Bortree, daughters of Thomas Bortree Sr.

6. Jeremiah Gilpin, son of Richard Gilpin Jr., (2) died in Sterling in 1901. He married in 1853, Catharine, daughter of Margaret Calaghan and Daniel Buckley. Buckleys emigrated from Couny Cork, Ireland in 1831. Catherine, then three months old, became very sick while they were crossing the Atlantic and was pronounced dead. They were ready to throw the body overboard when the infant revived and safely landed in America. Buckleys settled at Easton, Pa., and subsequently, in 1840, in Coolbaugh Township, Monroe County, Pa., where they settled on a small farm and invested in a large tract of timber. He remained here until his death in 1865. Jeremiah Gilpin was a lumberman as well as a farmer. He ran a saw and planing mill on the east branch of the Wallenpaupack 1500 feet east of the So. Sterling Method'st Church. Catharine Buckley Gilpin, prior to marriage, taught school in the old Sterling Township. In 1889, Jeremiah Gilpin purchased the Simon Bortree farm in Sterling, (now owned by R. N. Gilpin, grandson) and moved there with his family. His son Perry retained the homestead in So. Sterling and operated the mill. Children of Jeremiah Gilpin are: Emma, 1854-1892; Ida, 1856-1886; Florence, 1859-1862; Perry, 1862-1938; Viola, 1864-1937; Anna, 1865-1904; Catharine 1868-1943; George Ira, born December 23, 1873; Richard, 1875-1931.

7. Simon A. Gilpin, son of John Robert Gilpin (3) married Sarah A. Croft, born September 17, 1842 and died June 6, 1929. Simon Gilpin died June 8, 1836. Children: Frank Leroy, died October 18, 1938 and Simon Ward, who married Elizabeth Cranshaw.

8. John Wesley Gilpin, son of John Robert Gilpin (3) married Charlotte Emily Bor'ree, daughter of Robert Bortree Jr. She was born June 7, 1845 and died January 22, 1874, same day as her baby. John Wesley was so grieved that he died April 9, 1874, aged 35 years, and she was 28 years. Children: Edward, and Milton, who married Rose Severance.

9. Thomas H. Gilpin, son of John Robert Gilpin (3) married Susan Kipp, born January 21, 1852 and died March 8, 1920. He died May 21, 1916. Children: John H., married Anna Houck; Howard, married Ida Moyland; Mary, died April 29, 1932, married August 20, 1890, George Ehrhardt, died March 29, 1933; Frank, mar-

ried Marian Williams; Susannah, married Herman Miller; Hannah, married William Heberling; Thomas, married Florence Doll.

10. Edward Gilpin, son of John Wesley Gilpin (8), married Anna Miller. Children: Charlotte, married Friend Black; Benjamin, married Susan, daughter of Poston Cross; George, married Ethel Wray; Allen, married Mary Waterson; Evaline, married William Bea; Mildred and Florence.

11. James D. Gilpin, son of Thomas Gilpin (4) married in 1868 to Susan Cross, daughter of James Cross. Children: Eber Myron, born January 5, 1870; Lyman James, born September 2, 1873; Laura Alberta, born March 10, 1875; and Nellie Bortree Gilpin, born August 28, 1880. Of these, James D. died July 30, 1913; Laura died September 9, 1913; Nellie died April 25, 1935; Lyman died March 25, 1943, and Eber died November 4, 1945.

12. Emma Gilpin, daughter of Jeremiah Gilpin (6) married Henry Robacker and lived in Sterling. Children: Helen, born May 5, 1885, married November 22, 1911 Wardell Magargel and have four children: Oakly Wardell, born December 20, 1912, married October 12, 1940, Florence Fern (They have a child, Nancy Helen, born January 9, 1942); Helen Viola, born August 14, 1915, married March 9, 1942, Harry F. Thorp Jr.; Mary June, born June 9, 1917, married May 11, 1940, Joseph Hodgson (one child, William Donald born December 12, 1941); Royce Earl, born September 30, 1921, died January 1, 1923. Other children of Emma Gilpin Robacker: Mary, born June 1, 1887, died October 10, 1911; George, born October 20, 1889.

13. Perry Gilpin, son of Jeremiah Gilpin (6) died July 2, 1938, lived on the old homestead in So. Sterling. Married Anna Posten. Children: Lydia, born December 13, 1890; Catharine, born August 28, 1894, married October 12, 1924, Louis McAllister (one son, Louis E. McAllister Jr., born September 7, 1926); Posten Bennett, born April 23, 1905, married August 5, 1933 Marian Schelbert, born December 4, 1906; (two children: Paul Bennett, born April 7, 1935 and Alice Catharine, born July 30, 1938.)

14. Viola Gilpin, daughter of Jeremiah Gilpin (6) died October 10, 1937. Married September 17, 1890, Ruel Augustus Smith DDS., son of Tunis Smith, born April 17, 1863. No children.

15. Anna Gilpin, daughter of Jeremiah Gilpin (6), born October 12, 1865, married May 13, 1891, Richard B. Simons, born September 12, 1863. Two children: Ethel Anna, born September 7, 1893, died May 5, 1929, married June 30, 1928, Russell L. Burrus, born August 22, 1898; Olive J. Simons, born October 26, 1895, married July 19, 1930, Russell L. Burrus, born August 22, 1898.

16. Catharine Gilpin, daughter of Jeremiah Gilpin (6) died October 16, 1943, at Ellington, Conn. Married March 23, 1892, Horton Noble. Children: Nellie Grace, born July 22, 1893, married April 6, 1915, Clarence Metcalf (children: Homer Metcalf, born March 9, 1917; Richard Leslie Metcalf, born June 2, 1919, died October 16, 1931; Mary Catharine, born April 19, 1927). Carrie Noble, born March 3, 1896, married Walter E. Avery on August 16, 1924.

17. George Ira Gilpin, son of Jeremiah Gilpin (6) married October 23, 1901, Grace Noble, born November 27, 1871, daughter of Thomas M. Noble. Children:

Harold Buckley, born May 25, 1905, married February 20, 1926, Ethel Rulapaugh (children: Janet, born January 1, 1929, married June 1948, Earl Hocker; Gerard, born January 20, 1932; John, born February 3, 1937); George Noble, born March 15, 1911, was inducted in World War II, February 24, 1942 and received an honorable discharge December 13, 1945 after having served as Chaplain's Assistant. He was sent overseas in July, 1944 arriving in Naples and later was sent to Marseilles, France. He has the rank of Sgt. Technician 4th Grade. He is now teaching music at Sweet Briar College, Virginia. Mrs. Grace Noble Gilpin died of pneumonia at the home of her son, Harold in Carbondale, January 2, 1935. George I. Gilpin married 2nd, April 8, 1937, Elizabeth Skelton, born August 14, 1878. They reside in Sterling.

18. Richard Daniel Gilpin, son of Jeremiah Gilpin (6) died May 17, 1931. Married January 1, 1902 Emma Nevin. Children: Ruth, born May 25, 1904, married Almond Goldsmith, June, 1944; Ella, born July 9, 1909, teacher at Waymart, Pa.; Richard Nevin, born October 5, 1914, married August 14, 1937, Mae Osborn (one child: Elizabeth Mae, born July 9, 1946).

19. Charlotte Gilpin, daughter of Edward Gilpin (10) married Friend Black of Maplewood, Pa. Children: Milton married Mrs. Florence (Banks) Black (child: Jane Ann Black); Leila Black married Carl McCane (children: Carle McCane Jr., Yvonne McCane); Donald Black; George Searle Black married Evelyn Laird (child: Darlene Black); Garth Black married Shirley Swingle; Clifford Black married Marian Williams (child: Donna Lee Black); Lowell Black married Betty Corey (child: Jean Black); Florence Black married Bruce Black, son of Florence Banks and Ellis Black, (child: Carl Black); Annabelle Black, wife of Ronald Berger (children: Dolores Berger and Ronald Jr.)

20. Benjamin Gilpin, son of Edward Gilpin (10) married Suzanne Cross. Children: Robert; Betty Jane, wife of Bruce Griffiths (child: Suzanne Griffiths).

21. Allen Gilpin, son of Edward Gilpin (10) married Mary Watterson. Children: Mary Elizabeth, wife of Dr. Warren Nestler (children: Suzanne, Peter, James Nestler); Rosalie Gilpin, wife of James Haggerty (child: Maureen Haggerty); and Edward Gilpin.

22. Evaline Gilpin, daughter of Edward Gilpin (10) married William Bea. Children: William Jr. and Shirley Bea.

THE HEAZELTON FAMILY

1. Abram Heazelton was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1768 and died in Sterling, January 30, 1857. He came to Sterling in 1820 and settled in what is now Dreher. He is buried in a cemetery on his farm. He married Sarah Gilpin, oldest daughter of Mary Bortree and Richard Gilpin Sr. She was born October 15, 1784 and died October 17, 1865. Children: Richard, born July 25, 1806 and died June 16, 1866, married Elizabeth Thorpe; John, married Margaret Gilpin; Abram Jr., married Deborah Thorpe; William, died October 14, 1893, married Sarah Ann Cross, died December 10, 1884, daughter of Robert Cross; Eliza, born August 5, 1823, married William J. Skelton; Edward, born November 27, 1826, married Nancy Masters; Thomas, married Elizabeth Masters; Mary Jane, wife of William Cross; and Ann, wife of Dilworth Cross.

2. Richard Heazelton, son of Abram Heazelton (1) married Elizabeth Thorpe. Children: Phineas, born March 10, 1841 and died February 2, 1889, married Mary Hopps, daughter of Martha Dilworth and Samuel Hopps; Susan, wife of Abram Cross.

3. Abram Heazelton Jr., son of Abram Heazelton (1) born April 30, 1809, died January 10, 1894, married Deborah Thorpe, born August 3, 1811, died August 28, 1886, sister of Elizabeth. Children: Louise, married Amelia Gracer; John, married Grace Edwards; and Angeline, married Edward Masters.

4. William Heazelton, son of Abram Heazelton (1) married Sarah Cross. Children: Emory, born May 27, 1848 and married September 4, 1873 to Sarah Bortree; Simon Dilworth, born October 3, 1850; Emeline, married A. C. Angel; Angeline A., wife of Florence Robacker; Abram and Elijah, twins, died young.

5. Edward Heazelton, son of Abram Heazelton (1) died October 27, 1888. Married Nancy Masters, daughter of old Moses Masters (who lived to be 103 years of age). Children: Mary, wife of Edward Smith; Irene, wife of Otis Smith; Lulu, married, 1st, Frank Simpson; 2nd, Frank Smith; Grace, married Frank Robinson; and Daisy, wife of Arthur Akers, son of Warren Akers.

6. Mary Jane Heazelton, daughter of Abram Heazelton (1) married William Cross. Children: Trum, Walter, Ella, Mary, Alice, Clara, Bert, Benj., and Edgar Cross.

7. Ann Heazelton, daughter of Abram Heazelton (1) married Dilworth Cross. Children: Samuel, Lucinda, and Josephine Cross.

8. Thomas Heazelton, son of Abram Heazelton (1) married Elizabeth Masters, daughter of old Moses Masters. Children: Charles, born March 1, 1849; and Morris, died young.

9. Eliza Heazelton, daughter of Abram Heazelton (1) died June 10, 1865, married William J. Skelton, born October 1, 1821 and died April 1, 1886. One child: Abram, married Mary Spangenberg.

10. Charles Heazelton, son of Thomas Heazelton (9) married July 4, 1871, Elizabeth Loney, born in New York City, August 22, 1856, daughter of Thomas Loney. Charles Heazelton died February 1, 1933. Elizabeth Loney Heazelton died August 13, 1929. Children: Effie, born October 11, 1872, married March 15, 1905, John W. Ferguson Jr.; Walter, born February 6, 1875, married Clara Batzel; Floyd, born June 7, 1878, married December 24, 1900, Beatrice Bortree, daughter of O. T. Bortree; Ella, born April 26, 1885, wife of Leonard Akers, Walter Fowler; Myrtle, born June 17, 1898, wife of Freeman Gilpin.

11. Abram Skelton, son of Eliza Heazelton Skelton (9) married Mary Spangenberg. Children: Oliver Columbus, born June 22, 1873; Charles, married Delphine Smith; Marilla, wife of Elmer Rinker; Thomas, single; Eber, married Bessie Gromlich; Clara, wife of Arthur Peet; Julia, wife of Clarence Brown; Arthur, married Margaret Fueglein; and Elizabeth, born August 14, 1878, wife of George I. Gilpin.

12. Oliver Columbus Skelton, son of Abram Skelton (1) died January 16, 1949. Married 1st, Louisa Killam, born March 27, 1875; died February 13, 1916. Children:

Fred Leroy born September 10, 1896 married Eleanor Agnes Moore
Mildred Stella born July 16, 1898 married Earl Field
George Fillmore born March 20, 1901 married Rhea Stevens
Freeman Francis born July 28, 1902 married Frances Leader
Mary Elizabeth born May 4, 1904 married Charles Simpson
Charles William born July 19, 1905 married Anna Shushenick
Florence Alberta born April 20, 1907 married Clyde Eshelman
Clarence Fay born August 8, 1910 married Alice Beebe
Ralph Burton born April 17, 1913 married Dorothy
Marjorie Louise born February 8, 1916 married Louis Altemier
Margaret Laura twin, born February 8, 1916; died October 15, 1917.
Oliver Skelton married 2nd, Edith Olmstead Mott. They had one son: Gerald
Howard Skelton, born July 24, 1923, married Ruth Moore.

HOWE FAMILY

1. Captain Phineas Howe was born in Plainfield, Windham County, Connecticut, in 1762. He acquired the title in the town militia following the Revolutionary War. In 1802, he came to Newfoundland, and cleared a portion of the Flats and in 1804, he settled at the foot of Howe's Mountain. He paid tax on thirty acres and subsequently on 2744 acres and was the largest tax payer in the township. He built a log tavern on the old State road, which ran about one-half mile west of the present locality. The road was more convenient formerly than at present, but the Captain had its course changed because by some arrangement with the government he was to have land lying west for working it. He thus obtained better and more land. He then, built a large tavern on the road, which burned about 1826. When the Belmont and Easton turnpike, called the North and South road, was the main thoroughfare from Philadelphia to New York State, Howe's tavern was a noted stopping place. He erected his third tavern on this road. Capt. Howe married Lepha Alice Hall, daughter of Jonathan Hall who fought in the Revolution. She died October 18, 1848, aged 76 years. Capt. Howe died January 27, 1843, aged 81 years. Both are buried with their children in the cemetery on Howe's Mountain. Issue: Sarah, born July 10, 1798, in Ct. and died September 10, 1856, married Ezra Wall of Nicholson, Wyoming County, Pa.; Phineas Jr., born March 28, 1801; Polly, married James Woodbridge and moved West; Abram Sterling, born June 20, 1806; Elsie, married Captain Hamilton Avery of Salem, and moved to Illinois.

2. Phineas Howe Jr., son of Phineas (1) was born in Plainfield, Windham County, Conn., March 28, 1801. He was married February 19, 1829 to Mary Ann Hewitt, born in Pittston, Luzerne County, Pa., November 17, 1808. He succeeded his father in business and was once associate judge of Wayne County. Issue: Lepha Angeline, born January 22, 1830; Morella A., born April 13, 1832; Celestia Emeline, born November 8, 1834; Phineas Hewitt, born February 23, 1837; Elber Worthington, born March 21, 1839; Windsor M., born January 9, 1842; Almarion Redford, born February 6, 1844; Mary H., born February 10, 1846; Alice S., born October 2, 1851. Of these, Morella died June 11, 1853; Elber W. died January 17, 1873; Alice died August 22, 1853; Hon. Phineas died May 30, 1879. All buried in Howetown Cemetery.

3. Abram Sterling Howe was born in Sterling, June 20, 1806 and died November 2, 1857. He married November 19, 1841, Rebecca Bortree, daughter of Thomas

Sr. and Ann Heazelton Bortree. Rebecca was born August 7, 1808 and died June 26, 1897. Issue: Adelbert Cary, born August 21, 1842; Phineas T., born April 24, 1847; Thomas Bortree, born July 14, 1849; died January 21, 1930; Clarke A., died March 3, 1874; Harriet Rebecca, born August 5, 1844.

4. Lepha Angeline Howe, daughter of Hon. Phineas Howe (2) married June 27, 1849, Roswell W. Noble, son of David Noble. Issue: Oscar W., born April 5, 1850; Irene M., born September 23, 1853; Tacie A., born May 26, 1859.

5. Celestia Emeline Howe, daughter of Judge Phineas Howe (2) married January 2, 1859, Theodore Brodhead who died September 25, 1868. Issue: Harry Wills, born March 16, 1860; Elber Howe, born January 2, 1863; and Edith May, born April 6, 1865 and others.

6. Phinetas Hewitt Howe, son of Judge Phineas Howe (2) married October 15, 1879, Emeline M. Noble, daughter of James M. Noble. She was born July 15, 1843 and died May 6, 1915. Hewitt died February 24, 1916. Issue: Jessie Noble, born January 24, 1881 and died April 5, 1903; Charles Hewitt, born February 1, 1885, married October 22, 1925, Florence Spangenberg.

7. Windsor M. Howe, son of Judge Phineas Howe (2) married December 23, 1867, Emily L. Lampson, who died May 23, 1873. Issue: Herbert and Winifred.

8. Almarion R. Howe, son of Judge Phineas Howe (2) married June 11, 1872, Orra J. Hamlin, daughter of William E. Hamlin. She was born April 11, 1848 and died December 8, 1928. Almarion served in the Pennsylvania Legislature and was later Register and Recorder of Wayne County. He died on March 3, 1882. Issue: Arthur D., born August 27, 1873; Mabel H., born February 24, 1875; Blanche A., born August 20, 1877; Orra Jeanette, born June 20, 1879; Howard, born August 1, 1881.

9. Mary H. Howe, daughter of Judge Phineas Howe (2) married November 28, 1878, Eugene Brodhead. Issue: Arthur.

10. Adelbert C. Howe, son of Abram S. Howe (3) married November 11, 1869, Sarah Frazee, born June 3, 1843, died January 21, 1906, daughter of George Frazee. A. C. Howe died January 24, 1930. Issue: Herman Sterling, born October 17, 1870; Myron G., born July 16, 1872; Edith May, born August 27, 1875; died March 4, 1948; Elber Worthington, born August 20, 1877; died September 9, 1943; Margaret Mary, Minnie M., and George Abram. Herman S. died December 13, 1902.

11. Phineas T. Howe, son of Abram S. (3) married Emma Sinquet. Issue: Elsie Neal, born April 21, 1882; died December 23, 1949; Roy, John T., Maude S., and James.

12. Harriet Rebecca Howe, daughter of Abram S. (3) married Valentine Stevens who died June 26, 1869 aged 36 yrs., 11 mos., and 15 days. She later married Dr. John L. Keef and died at Atlanta, Georgia, April 15, 1894.

13. Thomas Bortree Howe, son of Abram S. Howe (3) married September 26, 1872, Maria Copeland. Children: Everett and Rena.

THE LEE FAMILY

1. Burrowes Lee was a farmer in Ireland. His children were: Dawson, James,

John, Thomas, Simon, and George. All of these brothers lived in Sterling for a time, but only Dawson, Thomas, and Simon remained.

2. Dawson Lee, son of Burrowes Lee (1) was born in 1788, in Ireland. It was said of him that he was an exceedingly shrewd and witty man. He was a stone cutter. He died January 15, 1869 and his wife Elizabeth, died December 26, 1846, aged 52 years. Her stone is the oldest one in Zion Cemetery. Their children were: John W., a bachelor, born August 28, 1814 and died March 9, 1880; George W., Dawson W.; Anna Jane, born December 27, 1827; Thomas M., Robert J., and William F., who married September 24, 1863, Sidney Megargle. Of these, George W., Thomas M., and Robert J., left the county early.

3. Anna Jane Lee, daughter of Dawson Lee (2) married February 22, 1865, David Lyman Noble, son of David Noble. There were no children. She died November 29, 1892.

4. Thomas Lee, son of Burrowes Lee (1) was born in Ireland, in 1798. He sailed from Belfast, Ireland, in the ship *George*, August 17, 1815 and arrived in New York, October 15th. He came to Sterling and settled on the Newfoundland turnpike. He married Maria Allen, born in 1800. Their children were: William Allen, born May 7, 1826; Maria Jane, born 1828; Thomas Washington, born February 3, 1830; Elizabeth, born April 21, 1824; Sarah, John Heazelton, born December 27, 1835; George M., born December 31, 1837; and Mary. Thomas Lee died March 13, 1874 aged 76 years; Maria died September 5, 1857 aged 57 years. Elizabeth Allen (mother) died September 27, 1857 aged 81 years. Zion Cemetery.

5. William Allen Lee, son of Thomas Lee (4), was called "the honest bachelor." He died February 21, 1896, aged 69 years, 9 months, 14 days.

6. Maria Jane Lee, daughter Thomas Lee (4) married June 24, 1869, as his second wife, Luther Loring 1819-1905. She died February, 22, 1914. One daughter, Josephine.

7. Thomas Washington Lee, son of Thomas Lee (4) died January 24, 1856 aged 25 years, 11 months, 21 days.

8. Elizabeth Lee, daughter of Thomas Lee (3) died December 8, 1897, married Thomas Gilpin as his second wife, son of Richard Gilpin Sr. They had one son, Thomas Gilpin Jr. Elizabeth Lee Gilpin married, 2nd, David Wolfe, born August 15, 1822, died May 23, 1873, son of Charles David Wolfe Sr., and they had four children: Mary, married Thomas Madden; John; Annie, married David Bortree; and Janie Wolfe, married O. T. Bortree.

9. Sarah Lee, daughter of Thomas Lee (4) married John Frick. They had five sons: Charles, William, Louis, John, and Thomas. Charles and Thomas Frick married daughters of Job H. Stevens. Sarah Lee married, 2nd, John Ehrhardt. Their children were: Maria, Jacob and Edward Erhardt.

10. John Heazelton Lee, son of Thomas Lee (4) married September 9, 1862, Josephine Yates, daughter of Benjamin Yates Sr. She was born August 31, 1843 and died October 11, 1903. He died April 7, 1914. Children: Benjamin, Ella, wife of Ray Stevens, born August 11, 1867; William, and Charles.

11. George M. Lee, son of Thomas Lee (4) died July 27, 1857 aged 19 years, 6 months, 27 days.

12. Mary Lee, daughter of Thomas Lee (4) married George Batzel. Their children were: Burton, Elizabeth, Nellie. and Thomas Batzel.

13. Benjamin Lee, son of John H. Lee (10) married May 18, 1893, Edith Whitney. Their children: Harold; Katherine; and Edna, who married Alfred Bortree, son of Frank Bortree.

14. Ella Lee, daughter of John H. Lee (10) married May 9, 1899, Ray Stevens, son of Job H. Stevens. Their children: Harvey; and Frank, who married Helen Enslin.

15. William Lee, son of John H. Lee (10) married Grace Frick, daughter of Charles Frick.

16. Simon Lee, son of Burrowes (1), died November 12, 1849, aged 49 years, married Mary Clements, born October 10, 1801, died March 10, 1842, a daughter of John Clements. Their children were: Burrowes, who died June 27, 1863 aged 40 years; John C.; Mary Ann, wife of Dr. Loomis; Jackson; Harriet E., born April 15, 1829, wife of Alonzo H. Bortree; Hiram; Sarah J.; married September 16, 1860, David C. Perry; George D., called Squire, born January 21, 1838. There was a half-brother, Simon C. Lee.

17. Mary Ann, daughter of Simon Lee (16) was born in Sterling, April, 1826. She married William McMillan, son of Daniel McMillan of Scotland. He was born January 1, 1816 and died in 1866. They had two children: Milton Lee, born December 25, 1856, and married June 1889, Carrie E. Dauchy. They lived in Nicholson, where he was an insurance agent. Harriet McMillan, the daughter, lived and died in Brooklyn, Pa. Mary Lee McMillan, married, as his fourth wife, Dr. Elisha N. Loomis of Harford, Pa., who died shortly after.

18. Harriet E. Lee, daughter of Simon Lee (16) married Alonzo H. Bortree, born August 27, 1825, son of Ann Heazelton and Thomas Bortree. They had two children: Thomas, and Ira Lee.

19. George D. Lee, son of Simon Lee (16) married June 21, 1860, Abbie Jane Wilcox, daughter of Annie Waymer and Raymond P. Wilcox, born March 20, 1843 and died September 18, 1912. George D. Lee died December 16, 1888. Children: Lepha, born March 15, 1868 married Harvey Driesbach; Annie Elizabeth, born December 2, 1872, married Harry Smith; Simon Burrows, born October 7, 1876, died June 27, 1943, married Clara Leshner; and Gertrude May, born January 14, 1879, married John Ransom.

20. George Lee, son of Burrows Lee (1) was a floriculturist and built a log house on the Pucker Stret road, in Salem. On the opposite side of the road from his cabin there is a beautiful ledge of rock supporting a hill which sheltered him from the northwest wind. He planted balsoms and two rows of locust in front and had shrubbery and flowers. For years after the house was vacant and fell into decay the flowers bloomed and made it one of the most romantic places in Salem township. He went to California and was lost on the Pacific in the ship "Central America". The large locust trees now very old are still standing (1949) and make the place of his habitation still discernable.

21. Mary Wolfe, daughter of Elizabeth Lee (8) married Thomas Madden. Children: Harry, Frank, William, Bert and Anna.

22. Dawson W. Lee, son of Dawson Lee (2) married Diana. Children: Nellie, Fannie, wife of Gilbert Bortree.

THE MEGARGLE FAMILY

1. One Robert Megargle and wife came from Scotland to Philadelphia at an early date, prior to the Revolution. They were pioneer Quakers in the city of brotherly love, where they lived and died. They had two sons: Allen and Joseph.

2. Allen Megargle, son of Robert Megargle, (1) had a farm in the city of Philadelphia, which is now an important part of the city's business section. He sold and moved to Pike County, in 1816, where he built about 1825, the first saw mill in the township of Dreher. He also owned a large tract of land in that section, over 400 acres. He later built the first grist mill in Greene township. He died June 23, 1829, aged 63 years. He was born in Philadelphia. He had two sons: Isaac Megargle and Robert Megargle; daughter Mary died October 6, 1852 aged 59 years, wife of Jonathan Richardson.

3. Robert Megargle, son of Allen Megargle (2), settled in Sterling, and took up land that was later owned by James Cross and Eber Gilpin. He died here and was buried on a mound in the field across the road from the present house. He died March 3, 1844 aged 56 years. His tombstone is the possession of Mrs. Eber Gilpin, though it has been removed from the grave.

4. Isaac Megargle, son of Allen Megargle (2) operated the mill with his father, Allen Megargle and sold after his father's death to William Ehrgood in 1930. This mill was being operated by the Ehrgoods in 1890. Isaac Megargle went west and traveled through Indiana and other states seeking a suitable location, but finding nothing satisfactory, he returned to Philadelphia and to Sterling, where he engaged in farming. He was a justice of the peace in Sterling for a quarter of a century. He died in 1883 aged 80 years. He married Calista Dayton, daughter of Giles Dayton. She died in 1889 aged 86 years. Their children were: Giles A., of Peckville; Justus A., Orlando, and Isaac F., born August, 1841. Justus and Orlando were members of a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil War, and later were engaged in business in Vineland, New Jersey.

The Dayton family was of Puritan origin. Mrs. Isaac Megargle's grandfather, Milo Dayton, served in a Massachusetts regiment during the Revolution, carrying a rifle that weighed forty pounds. Giles Dayton, was born in the Bay State, and brought his family to Sterling in 1821, where he built a sawmill about 1825. He later built a woolen mill at Salem. He was an inventor and invented a number of useful articles and also built the first factory for the manufacture of cording rolls for woolen mills. His wife Lucy, died in Nobletown, October 19, 1859, aged 82 years. She was of Puritan stock and the daughter of a soldier in the Revolution. They were very earnest Christians, and he was a local elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a class leader in Sterling and often preached when the circuit rider did not come. They had several children. Avery F., who died September 2, 1823 aged 19 years; Nancy, the first teacher in the Nobletown school in 1838; Freeman, whose wife died September 19, 1866, aged 41 years, 1 month, 9 days; Calista, wife of Isaac Megargle; Sarah, wife of Jesse Megargle, and Polina R. died November 16, 1835, aged 27 years. This family is known for its great religious fervor. Isaac Megargle was a class leader in Sterling about 1830 and his son Giles, was a local preacher in the Methodist Church.

5. Isaac F. Megargle, son of Isaac Megargle (4) and Calista Dayton Megargle, was born in Sterling, Wayne County, August, 1841. He married at Stamford, Connecticut, Miss Gertrude Jones. They have three sons: Percy F., Roy C., and Ralph. When Isaac F. Megargle was 17 years of age, in 1858, he began in the lumber business near Elmhurst, where he had a store and a mill for the manufacture of lumber. In 1861 he returned to Sterling and built a store that is now owned by Horace Phillips. Here he was engaged in mercantile business for several years. In 1865, he sold to Ernest A. Stevens, and went to Scranton where he operated a store on Lackawanna Avenue for many years. He traveled a great deal and was in business in Des Moines, Iowa, for a time. He and his family were members of the Elm Park Methodist Church in Scranton.

6. Joseph Megargle, son of Robert Megargle (1) came to Sterling township in 1818 and settled on the North and South at Jericho. His children were: Amasa, born April 5, 1785; James, Joseph Jr., Jesse, and John, all of whom lived in Sterling for a number of years.

7. Amasa Megargle, son of Joseph Megargle (6) came to Sterling with his father in 1818. He married Eleanor M. Wall, daughter of Sarah Howe and Ezra Wall. She died July 15, 1837 aged 50 years. He died January 5, 1863 aged 77 years, 9 months. Their children: Charles, Mayberry, George Washington, and Ellen.

8. Jesse Megargle, son of Joseph Megargle (6) married Sarah Dayton, daughter of Giles Dayton. Their children were: Oakley; Urban E., married December 19, 1869, Jane Garhardt; Mayberry; Pauline; Celis a, wife of Henry Feeling; and Harriet, wife of Elwood Schwartz.

9. Charles Megargle, son of Amasa (7), married Ann Wilcox and had the following children: Amasa; Linford; Sid, who married William Lee; Minerva, who married Milton Mitchell; Ida, married Theodora Starnier; and Orra, married Floyd Fessenden.

10. Mayberry Megargle, son of Amasa (7), was born in 1812 and died October 25, 1892. He married February 17, 1839, Sarah Noble, daughter of David Noble. No children.

11. George Washington Megargle, son of Amasa Megargle (7) born August 15, 1820 and died April 19, 1865. He married Diana Stevens, daughter of Rachel and George Stevens, born May 14, 1827 and died May 7, 1883. One child: Hannah E., first wife of Phineas T. Howe, and later, wife of Jerry Wilcox.

12. Ellen Megargle, daughter of Amasa Megargle (7) born February 15, 1814 and died January 22, 1864. She married February 7, 1839, David Lyman Noble, son of David Noble. No children.

13. Oakley Megargle, son of Jesse Megargle (8) born December 16, 1832 and died December 2, 1912. He married Clementine C. Wardell, born November 11, 1844 and died December 11, 1899. It was in her memory that the rose window was presented to the new Sterling Methodist Church. Children: Milo; Harry; married November 8, 1911, Elva Cliff; Horton; Verna; Arthur; and Wardell.

14. Amasa Charles Megargle, son of Charles Megargle (9), 1841-1909 married Margaret Tryphena Adams, daughter of Lester P. Adams, 1845-1914. Children: Elwood and Mamie.

THE MUSGRAVE FAMILY

1. The Musgrave Family of Sterling begins in County Tyrone, Ireland, with one Robert Musgrave who spent his entire life there, and after his second marriage his three sons came to America. They were: Andrew, Thomas and John.

2. Andrew Musgrave, son of Robert Musgrave (1) was the only one of the name who came to Sterling. He had come to Philadelphia about 1820 where he married Isabella Gilchrist and in 1828, they moved to Sterling. They remained in Sterling two years and then returned to Philadelphia, and he died of Cholera at the age of 35. His three children were left with Robert Catterson and wife, who cared for them until the children were of age. In 1839, the widow returned to Sterling, with her second husband, Robert McLane, who died in May, 1845. She died in 1871, aged 85 years. The children of Isabella Gilchrist and Andrew Musgrave were: James, born September 29, 1822; Margaret, wife of Thomas McLane; Mary, wife of Thomas Bennett; and Elizabeth, wife of John Hines.

3. James Musgrave, son of Andrew Musgrave (2) was born in Philadelphia and came to Sterling when six years old. When he became of age, he located south of the Catterson cemetery where he lived and died. He served in Co. A, 179th P. V. I., under Capt. Hubbl, in the Civil War. In Sterling township, in August, 1842, he married Miss Jane Rawlston, a native of Scotland, born there August 25, 1822 and brought to America by her parents, John and Mary (Rawlson) Rawlston, in 1826; and in 1841, they settled in Sterling, where John Rawlston died February 19, 1851 aged 75 years. His widow returned to Philadelphia where she died ten years later. The children of Jane Rawlston and James Musgrave were: Mary, born May 18, 1843, wife of James McGuire; Andrew, born February 26, 1844, died in 1849; Margaret M., born February 26, 1846; Isabella, born May 25, 1848 and died young; Elizabeth, born October 26, 1852, wife of Joe Thompson; William J., born February 2, 1854; Henry, born November 26, 1856; Emily, born May 24, 1858, wife of Otto Snyder; Thomas R. born March 19, 1860; Walter, born August 19, 1862; Lillie, born May 14, 1867, wife of C. C. Hawk. James Musgrave died in Sterling, December 25, 1901. His wife preceded him in death two years.

4. Margaret M. Musgrave, daughter of James Musgrave (3) died July 20, 1931. She married May 31, 1868, Reuben Malsom, born in England in July, 1847 and died in Sterling May 4, 1901. He came from England with his parents in 1863 and settled in Sterling. They lived in Bradford County for a time but returned to Sterling in 1880. Margaret Musgrave and Reuben Malsom had 14 children: (only 10 were named) Fredrick Malsom (named for his grandfather) born July 2, 1869, died May 1, 1877; William, born June 4, 1871; Mary, born September 2, 1872, died September 26, 1888; Cora, born July 7, 1874; Arthur, born July 11, 1876, died May 4, 1877; Reuben Jr., born March 24, 1878, died February 17, 1879; Amy, born December 15, 1879, died February 24, 1880; Ernest, born April 13, 1881; Walter, born March 31, 1885; Ethel, born February 10, 1889. One-half of these 10 named children died with whooping cough and diphtheria.

5. Walter Malsom, son of Margaret M. Musgrave (4) married May 6, 1908, Edna Bortree, daughter of Annie Wolfe and David Bortree. Children: Clifford Bortree, born October 3, 1909, married January 17, 1933, Mary Shea; Roberta Olive, born April 25, 1912, married February 7, 1933, Kenneth Brink; David Reuben, born March 18, 1921, married June 27, 1946, Florence Olechna.

6. Cora Malsom, daughter of Margaret M. Malsom (4) died October 25, 1931, married Thomas Everett Stevens, son of Margaret Furgeson and Robert Jackson Stevens, born July 13, 1859 and died November 14, 1946.

7. William J. Musgrave, son of James Musgrave (3) died August, 1908. He married Miriam Lewis, born July 17, 1861, died May 8, 1898. He was a railroader and lived in Dunmore. Children: Grace, wife of Harry Frick; Pearl, wife of Charles Furgeson; and Percy, died November 1, 1939.

8. Thomas R. Musgrave, son of James Musgrave (3) died November, 1922. He married, December 25, 1895, Mary Ella Reid. Children: Maud; James, born July 28, 1900, married Beulah Cross, daughter of S. N. Cross.

9. Walter Musgrave, son of James Musgrave (3) died July 6, 1923. He married Febraury 24, 1893, Elizabeth Spangenberg, born September 9, 1870, died June 26, 1948. Children: Mabel, wife of Howard Butler; Madeline, wife of William McLean; Howard; Jamie, born, April 20, 1897, died May 29, 1897.

10. Grace Musgrave, daughter of William J. Musgrave (7) married March 13, 1902, Harry Frick. Children: Iva M'riam, wife of George Fitz; Dorrance Charles and Lawrence William, twins, died young; Wilford Henry; Helen Sarah, wife of Harry Cron; Lloyd Alton; Floyd Percy, twin, died young; Lester Lewis, died young; Ella Elizabeth, wife of Adam Kundratic; Dora Isabel, wife of Clifford Henneforth; Gladys Irene, wife of Robert Butler.

THE NEVILLE FAMILY

1. Joshua Neville was born February 13, 1796, in Bernagh, Province of Ulster County of Tyrone, Parish of Killerman, Ireland. He died in Sterling, February 23, 1877. He was married in Ireland to Mary Ann Cross, daughter of Robert Cross Sr., and sister of Robert Jr., and Thomas Cross. She was born in Ireland, June 22, 1799 and died November 22, 1886. They boarded the ship "Sea" at Liverpool, England, June 25, 1848, and after being on the ocean six weeks and three days, landed in this country at Philadelphia. Abram Bortree brought the family to Sterling, the sons James and Edward had previously walked here from Philadelphia. The children of Joshua Neville were: Joshua Jr., Edward of Colorado; Abram, born September 7, 1839; John, of Kansas, William, who remained in Ireland; Margaret, who died in Ireland, wife of James Thompson; and Mary Ann, who died in Ireland.

2. Joshua Neville Jr., son of Joshua Neville (1) married Susanna Dobson, daughter of William Dobson. They lost five children with diptheria and the mother died also. The only child to survive was Joseph, who married April 20, 1884, Margaret Stevens, parents of Orville Neville, who married Elizabeth Hughes. Joseph Neville died June 24, 1931.

3. Abram Neville, son of Joshua Neville (1) born in Ireland, September 7, 1839, married September 11, 1873, Harriet Bortree, born October 1, 1840, daughter of Eliza Simons and John Henry Bortree. Son: Floyd, born October 19, 1874. Abram Neville died February 10, 1912. Harriet Bortree Neville died in 1921.

4. Thomas N. Neville, son of Joshua Neville (1) born November 22, 1836, was killed June 12, 1875 by the falling of a tree.

5. James Neville, son of Joshua Neville (1) was born in November, 1831.

He married Katherine Croak, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Shay Croak who came from Ireland in 1850. She was born in Ireland in 1835. Children: Thomas Neville, married Sylva Butler; Cora, died young; Katherine, married October 25, 1910, Frank Kendrew; she died February 27, 1942; Julia, wife of Seth Bortree, son of John Henry Bortree; and Mary Ann, wife of Joseph E. Cross, born September 30, 1853.

6. Floyd Neville, son of Abram Neville (3) married August 9, 1899, Verna Sadler, daughter of Nancy Hollister and Jacob Sadler, born December 23, 1877 and died September 21, 1945. He died January 18, 1929. Children: Alton, Verna Mae; and Eliza, born June 1:

THE NOBLE FAMILY

The Noble Genealogy by Lucius M. Boltwood, published in 1878, records the ancestry of David Noble and William T. Noble, who settled in Nobletown, now Sterling, about 1820. David Noble and William T. Noble were brothers, sons of Sarah Taylor Noble and David Noble and grandsons of Capt. David Noble, who received his title in the Revolutionary War.

1. David Noble was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, June 26, 1778. He moved to New York state in 1808, 1812 to Luzerne, and 1820 to Sterling. He built a store in 1827, and was engaged in lumber business. He died in Sterling, July 23, 1830, aged 52 years. He was married October 8, 1801 to Sarah Grummond, born June 9, 1780 and died December 28, 1845 aged 65 years. Buried in Sterling Cemetery. Their children: James Madison, born September 24, 1802; Thomas Jefferson, born July 24, 1804; Sarah, born July 14, 1806; David Lyman, born August 8, 1808; Deborah Ann, born April 7, 1810; William Wirt, born January 13, 1815; Deborah Ann, born May 19, 1817; Roswell Wason, born February 9, 1823. Of these Deborah A. died September 7, 1812.

2. William Taylor Noble was born in Pittsfield, Mass., June 16, 1791, and died in Newark Valley, N. Y., January 7, 1861. In November, 1821, he moved to Sterling, Pa. He built the first store in Sterling in 1821 and continued in business until 1840, when he moved with his family to Newark Valley. He was deeply interested in the Methodist Church and for 25 years, he was an exhorter and class leader. He held Methodist services in his barn. He organized the first Sunday School in Moscow. He organized the Methodist Church in Daleville, Pa. He was a gentleman of the old school, courteous in manner, and fond of good society; he abhorred all vulgarity or coarseness in manner and language. He was for many years a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married January 11, 1814, Christina Brewer, born September 29, 1793 and died April 9, 1876. Issue: David William, born October 29, 1814; Albert Jackson, born September 30, 1816; Sarah, born November 13, 1818; Carlton Monroe, born January 27, 1821; Washington Alphonzo, born March 3, 1823; Sarah Maria, born August 22, 1825; Catharine Sophia, born August 25, 1827; Enoch George, born September 25, 1829; James Taylor, born May 15, 1832; Charles Harris, born June 30, 1834. Of these Sarah died August 22, 1820.

3. James Madison Noble, son of David (1), born in Norwalk, Connecticut. He married December 16, 1827, Eliza Hamlin, daughter of Dr. Asa Hamlin. He was a merchant in Sterling for a quarter of a century. He died May 12, 1880.

Eliza M. Noble, his wife, born October 31, 1806 and died March 14, 1895. A large memorial window was placed in the Sterling Church in their memory. Children: Orra Miranda, born September 25, 1828; Eliza Maria, born August 23, 1830; Thomas Mortimer, born July 6, 1832; Aseneth Marian, born September 18, 1834; Harriet Minetta, born August 23, 1836 and died February 12, 1838; Harriet Minetta, born November 24, 1838 and died February 14, 1839; Adelaide Minerva, born September 11, 1840; Emeline Marilla, born July 15, 1841.

4. Sarah Noble, daughter of David (1), born in Norwalk, Conn., died in Sterling, December 7, 1889, aged 83 years, 4 months, 23 days. She was married February 17, 1839 to Mayberry Megargle, son of Amasa. No children.

5. David Lyman Noble, son of David (1), born in Norwalk, and died April 12, 1886. He married February 7, 1839, Ellen Megargle, daughter of Amasa Megargle. She was born February 15, 1814 and died January 22, 1864. His second wife was Ann Jane Lee, whom he married February 22, 1865. She was born December 27, 1827 and died November 29, 1892. No children by either marriage.

6. William Wirt Noble, son of David (1), born in Providence, Pa., and died in Sterling, November 8, 1884. He was married January 22, 1844 to Mary A. Patton, born in Enfield, Conn., February 1, 1824 and died in Sterling, July 12, 1909. They were faithful members of the Methodist Church and a large memorial window is inscribed to them. They lived where Dr. R. R. Rochfort lives. Children: Merwin Horton, born January 2, 1845; Harriet Amelia, born April 18, 1849; Horton Thomas, born March 24, 1852; Harriet Lavern, born May 1, 1854; Caroline Patton Carlo, born December 9, 1858. Of these, Merwin died October 21, 1846; Harriet A. died March 18, 1861; Harriet L. died May 13, 1855.

7. Deborah Ann Noble, daughter of David (1), married October 19, 1840, William E. Hamlin, son of Dr. Asa Hamlin. Dr. Asa was one of the first physicians in Salem Township. William conducted store and was in lumber business. He was postmaster in Sterling from 1849 to 1888. They were devoted to the Methodist Church and a large window is inscribed to their memory. They were full of good works. She died March 24, 1885, aged 67 years, 10 months, 5 days. He was born June 7, 1811 and died January 7, 1888. Issue: Harriet Amelia, born November 19, 1842 and died March 19, 1903, unmarried; Orra Jennett, born April 11, 1848; Byron Eugene, born October 9, 1852, died 1938.

8. Roswell Wason Noble, son of David (1), married June 27, 1849, Lephah Angeline Howe, daughter of Phineas Jr., and Mary Ann Hewitt Howe. She was born January 22, 1830 and died February 25, 1892. He died December 14, 1907. Children: Oscar W., born April 5, 1850; Irene Marilla, born September 23, 1852; Tacie Allie, born May 26, 1859.

9. David William Noble, son of William T. Noble (2) taught school in the Sterling School in 1839. He was the second teacher in the township. He married Esther A. Bortree, daughter of Thomas Bortree II and Mary Killam Bortree.

10. Thomas M. Noble, son of James M. Noble (3) married May 18, 1864 Eliza G. Hollister, daughter of William. He was a merchant in Sterling, and was known for his commercial integrity and his Christian Faith. He died September 16, 1898. She was born June 14, 1836, died in 1908. Issue: Charles Howard, born August

9, 1865, died October 16, 1866; James Leonard, born April 8, 1867; William Hamlin, born May 18, 1870; Grace Noble, born November 27, 1871.

11. Adelaide M. Noble, daughter of James M. Noble (3) was graduated at Wyoming Seminary and taught school at Brooklyn, N. Y. She was unmarried and lived in the James M. Noble house on the southwest corner at the village. She died March 23, 1923.

12. Horton Thomas Noble, son of William Wirt (6) married March 23, 1892 to Kate Buckley Gilpin, daughter of Jeremiah Gilpin. He died June 23, 1935. Buried at Ellington, Conn. Issue: Nellie Grace, born July 22, 1893; Carrie, born March 3, 1896.

13. Caroline P. C. Noble, daughter of William W. Noble (6) married January 16, 1890 Henry Bradbury, born Sparta, N. J., May 7, 1853 and died April 23, 1927. She died June 7, 1894. Issue: Mary Noble Bradbury, born November 25, 1891.

14. Eliza Maria Noble, daughter of James M. Noble (3) married Nelson J. Gates on December 30, 1857. They lived in Brooklyn, N. Y., where she died November 4, 1905. He was born at Mount Pleasant, Pa., April 9, 1831 and died in 1903. Issue: six children.

15. Aseneth M. Noble, daughter of James M. Noble (3) married October 3, 1865, Franklin Starboard Bortree who died July 12, 1896 in Chicago. She died May 17, 1908. Issue: Maude Noble Bortree and Blanche Bortree.

16. Byron Eugene Hamlin, son of Deborah Ann Noble (7) married January 1, 1890, Julia Wright Harlow; married 2nd, Mrs. Josephine Nelson Williams on August 16, 1916. Issue: Helen Hamlin, born November 1891.

17. Oscar W. Noble, son of Roswell Noble (8) married Victoria Bortree, daughter of Allen, born in 1847 and died in 1930. He died June 12, 1927. No children.

18. Irene Noble, daughter of Roswell Noble (8) married September 18, 1875, Earnest A. Stevens, son of Nicholas Stevens, died January 5, 1936. Issue: Charles Clinton, born July 26, 1876; Wilmer Nelson, born September 9, 1877; Fred Alvin, born December 25, 1881; Grace R., born June 11, 1886; Harry Roswell, born December 29, 1888.

19. Tacie A. Noble, daughter of Roswell Noble (8) married May 17, 1884, George D. Stevens, son of Henry Stevens, died May 23, 1937. Issue: Buel, born January 7, 1887 and Lenore, born March 28, 1891.

20. William H. Noble, son of Thomas Noble (10) married September 29, 1897, Ella Cooke, daughter of Julia Ann Collins and Thomas Cooke. Issue: Warren Cook Noble.

21. Grace Noble, daughter of Thomas Noble (10) married October 23, 1901 George Ira Gilpin, son of Jeremiah Gilpin. She died January 2, 1935. Issue: Harold B., born May 25, 1905 and George Noble Gilpin, born March 15, 1911.

22. James L. Noble, son of Thomas M. Noble (10) married September 25, 1895, Helen Bidwell, daughter of George Melville Bidwell. Children: Floyd Thomas, born June 5, 1900 and Ruth M., born September 8, 1901.

THE PHILLIPS FAMILY

1. John Phillips was born in Ireland in 1795. He came to Sterling September

15, 1830 and took up a hundred acres of land west of the John Clements farm. Here he died February 12, 1881. He married Maria Bortree, daughter of John and Maria Bortree, born in 1800 and died April 10, 1878. Their children: Samuel, John B., Mary Ann, Richard G., Absolem, and George W.

2. Samuel Phillips, son of John Phillips (1), married Susan Uban and had Bertie and Minnie. Lived in Clinton.

3. John B. Phillips, son of John Phillips (1) 1834-died January 10, 1923. Married December 25, 1860, Mary A. Smith, daughter of John Smith, 1844-died February 24, 1928. Children: Anna Maria, William, George, Katherine, and Lizzie. Mrs. Mary Phillips was for many years interested in the Zion Church and Cemetery. It was her special interest and care that provided for the upkeep.

4. Mary Phillips, daughter of John Phillips (1) married Heman Bartleson and had George, married Mary Cross, daughter of William Cross; Byram married Emma Hague; and Emma married Elmer Corey.

5. Absolem Phillips, son of John Phillips (1) married Mary and had Gertrude and Byron Phillips. They lived in Dreher.

6. Richard G. Phillips, son of John Phillips (1) married Elizabeth Bartleson and had six children: Rhoda, Charles, Howard, Jennie, Lida, and Maria; Richard Phillips married as a second wife: Ann Bartleson, a sister of his first wife, and they had nine children: Fannie, Florence, Blanche, Alfred, Oliver, Richard Jr., John, Earnest, and Olive. Fifteen children in all.

7. George W. Phillips, son of John Phillips (1) lived on his father's farm back of the Zion Cemetery. He was born August 25, 1847 and died August 14, 1896. He married Ella Simons, daughter of Samuel Simons, born August 30, 1861 and died June 19, 1901. Their children were: Nellie, born March 8, 1881, wife of William Fitz; Arthur, born May 28, 1884; Homer, born October 5, 1886, married Florence Williams; Frank, born October 14, 1887; Mark, born December 26, 1890, married Nellie Berger; Emily, born March 25, 1892; and Horace Phillips, born July 21, 1894.

8. Arthur Phillips, son of George W. Phillips (7) married May 5, 1906, Pearl Bortree, daughter of Seth Bortree. He died March 27, 1940. Children: Helen, born April 6, 1907 and died March 1, 1927, wife of Harold Archie Doll; Friend, born March 5, 1910, married Ruth Robacker; and Harold, born March 7, 1917.

9. Emily Phillips, daughter of George W. Phillips (7) married October 19, 1910, Arleigh B. Chapman, son of Carrie Belle Daniels and Fred F. Chapman. Children: Cressel Lyle, born June 10, 1912, married June 20, 1936 Mae L. Beaman; Paul Phillips, born December 30, 1913; and Siebert Wayne, born June 9, 1915.

10. Horace Phillips, son of George W. Phillips (7) married January 17, 1920, to Lucy Kendrew, born May 18, 1899. Children: Mabel, born August 18, 1921, wife of George Brown; and Albert, born December 28, 1923 and killed in action in World War II, January 26, 1944.

THE SIMONS FAMILY

1. Richard Simons came with his wife and family to Philadelphia, Pennsylv-

vania, from County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1806. He was the father of eight children, seven sons and one daughter: Joseph, James, Abram, William, Thomas, Henry, Richard Jr., and Frances, wife of Edward Cross of Sterling.

2. Joseph Simons, son of Richard Simons (1) came to Greene Township, Pike County and was assessed with 200 acres of land in 1809. Three acres of his land was cleared, he had two cows, and a house. He married Mary Heazelton, sister of Abram Heazelton Sr. She was born in 1780 and died November 11, 1833, buried in Simonstown cemetery. Children: Edward Heazelton, born June 7, 1800 and died June 11, 1844; Elizabeth, wife of J. Buckley; William, born February 28, 1812, died March 30, 1839; James, born March 21, 1798 and died October 21, 1828; Mary Ann, Frances, Charlotte, Joseph Jr., Thomas, and Jane.

3. James Simons, son of Richard Simons (1) was born in Tyrone, Ireland, in 1782 and died in Greene Twp., February 28, 1860. He was assessed in 1809 with 400 acres of land in Greene. He built the stone house near the Paupack in Greene. He was twice married. His first family was Silas and Henry Simons. After the death of his first wife in Philadelphia, he married Ann Bell of that place, born September 10, 1796 and died in Greene October 25, 1874. Children: George B., William, born February 1, 1824; Abram, born December 6, 1821; Jabez, born March 5, 1826; Thomas, James Jr., Samuel; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Bortree, who was the son of William Bortree, born April 27, 1830; Frances, wife of John Burrus; and Mary, wife of Horace Kipp.

4. Abram Simons, son of Richard Simons (1) was assessed with 200 acres of land in Greene in 1809. He was killed by the limb of a falling tree while building a section of the Belmont and Easton Turnpike in Dreher Township. His widow and children returned to Philadelphia.

5. Richard Simons Sr., son of Richard Simons (1) was born in Ireland, October 9, 1790 and died in Sterling, September 14, 1860. He came to America with his parents in 1806 and on to Greene with his brothers in 1807. In 1809, was assessed with 200 acres of land in Greene. He returned to Philadelphia where he worked in a nail factory and finished paying for his land, then moved to Greene in 1818-19. He paid four dollars per hundred to have his goods moved. His son John was an infant in arms when they moved and was carried by his mother as she rode horseback and his father walked. In 1825, they bought 200 acres south of the Zion Church and moved there where they died. About 1811, Richard married Hannah Smith of Philadelphia. She was born November 3, 1795 and died June 18, 1879. Their children were: Thomas and William, twins, died in infancy; Eliza, born December 24, 1815, wife of John H. Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree Sr.; John, born in 1818; Annette, wife of Oakley Harding; Lewis Grant, born February 21, 1825; George Washington, born June 19, 1827; Frances Jane, wife of Thomas Hartford of West Sterling; Hannah died at the age of three years; Isaac died at the age of two years; Catherine, born February 12, 1831 and died September 14, 1848; Richard H. of Salem; William, born February 27, 1836; Mary, wife of Gabriel Walrath.

6. Abram Simons, son of James Simons (3) died April 1, 1887. He was married July 4, 1846 to Mary J. Bidwell, daughter of Orrin Bidwell, born October 25, 1824 and died February 11, 1884. Children: Emma, born October 2, 1851, wife of George Jones; Edgar, born March 16, 1857, married Mary A. Neville, daughter of Edward Neville of Ireland; George F., born December 6, 1859, married Ella Noble;

Georgianna, twin to George F., married October 6, 1878, Edward Bortree, son of Wm. Ed. Bortree; Byron A., born November 4, 1863, married Mary Obert; and Minnie L., born August 14, 1865, wife of Jacob Beisecker.

7. William E. Simons, son of James Simons (3) died in Salem, October 29, 1892, married Margaret, born October 5, 1832 and died February 22, 1894. Children: James E., born September 5, 1858 and died September 18, 1940, married Jennie V. Kipp, born July 3, 1875 and died June 26, 1904; Walter and Thomas.

8. George B. Simons, son of James Simons (3) was born September 13, 1819 and died January 8, 1899. He married Julia A. Breyer who was born November 10, 1836 and died December 11, 1873. Children: Frank and Julia.

9. Jabez Simons, son of James Simons (3) died March 31, 1893; married Mary G. Bortree, daughter of Edward Bortree, born January 20, 1830 and died June 10, 1912. Children: Oscar, born May 27, 1852, died January 9, 1880; Eliza, Edward, Ida, Albert, and Laura.

10. Thomas H. Simons, son of James Simons (3) 1824-1910, married 1st, Mary O. McKean, born March 4, 1826 and died June 22, 1864. Children: Ann Augusta, born June 22, 1854, died January 7, 1856; Burton F., died April 15, 1933; Horatio; Blanche, wife of Alexander Gilpin; Belle, married Louis Gilpin; Otto, 1857-1914, married Nora Gilpin; T. H. Simons married 2nd, Phoebe Jane, born June 3, 1839 and died November 3, 1868. Children: Friend, born January 12, 1868 and died October 12, 1868; and Thomas Henry, Jr., 1865-1943.

11. Samuel Simons, son of James Simons (3) 1838-1904 married Emily J. Carlton of Greene 1840-1886. Children: Ella, born August 30, 1861, died June 19, 1901, married George W. Phillips of Zion; Mark of Chicago; Carrie, unmarried; Emily, wife of Stanley Adams of Gouldsboro; Harry; Fannie died of measles at S. N. Cross' in June, 1897; Annie Simons, first wife of Charles Phillips, son of Richard G. Phillips; Kate Simons, second wife of Charles Phillips. Samuel Simons married, 2nd, Annie Wolfe, relict of David W. Bortree, son of Robert Bortree Jr. Children: Wallace and Oliver.

12. John Simons, son of Richard Simons (5) 1818-1888 married Alice Ann Dobson 1823-April 1907, daughter of James Dobson. Children: Hannah 1849-1869; Arthur J. Simons M. D., married Carrie Houck; Myron married Grace Brown; and Mary Jane Simons, wife of Peter William Gillner.

13. Lewis Simons, son of Richard Simons (5) died January 5, 1901 married March 11, 1854 Catharine Heller, daughter of Thomas Heller and Maria Fenner, born November 19, 1827 and died August 8, 1869. Children: Alfred, born December 26, 1854, married Edith Hoyle; Elizabeth, born October 1, 1856, married November 13, 1878, James M. Gilpin, son of Richard Gilpin Jr.; Charles, born May 10, 1858 died November 26, 1860; Edwin, born November 24, 1859 married Minnie Owens; Howard, born September 13, 1861; Richard, born September 20, 1863 married May 13, 1891, Anna Gilpin and 2nd, Minnie Bortree; Frank C., born July 22, 1865; Isaac, born January 20, 1868 married Ella Catterson; Catharine J., born August 8, 1869 died April 27, 1870. Lewis, married 2nd, August 11, 1870 Anna Maria Heller born April 4, 1838, sister of his first wife. Children: Blanche, born October 6, 1871 married Fred Solathay; Horace S., born April 24, 1873, married Lizzie Phillips.

14. George Washington Simons, son of Richard Simons (5) married January

19, 1860 Emeline, daughter of Zenas Nicholson of Salem, died January 11, 1895. Children: Harry; Charles L., married Nancy, daughter of Sanford Williams. G. W. Simons married 2nd, February 5, 1896, Mrs. Emily Potter Leonard.

15. Richard H. Simons, son of Richard Simons (5) married Caroline Heller, daughter of Maria Fenner and Thomas Heller. Children: Louise, Jennie, Hettie, Arthur, and Friend.

16. William Simons, son of Richard Simons (5) died October 20, 1889 married September 12, 1860, Charlotte Dobell, daughter of Elder George Dobell, born December 8, 1834 and died December 15, 1900. They lived on Richard Simons' farm south of the Zion Church. Children: Lida, July 17, 1871, married October 14, 1896 Lewis Butler, son of E. J. Butler.

17. Mary Jane Simons, daughter of John Simons (12) died 1921, married P. W. Gillner May 10, 1883, son of Jacob Gillner, died December 21, 1942. Children: John Jacob Gillner married June 29, 1910 Stella Cross, daughter of J. E. Cross; and Grace A. Gillner born September 20, 1890 married Fred W. Zane.

18. Burton F. Simons, son of Thomas H. Simons (10) married April 24, 1889 Fannie Bortree, daughter of William Edward Bortree. Children: Ada, Bertha, William, Lloyd, and Lawrence.

19. Isaac Simons, son of Lewis Simons (13) died October 31, 1933 married November 22, 1893 Ella Catterson born September 21, 1869 and died January 22, 1949, daughter of William Dean Catterson. Children: Karl O., born November 27, 1895.

20. Horace S. Simons, son of Lewis Simons (13) married Lizzie Phillips, daughter of John B. Phillips. Children: Evelyn Gertrude and Kenneth, born February 3, 1914.

THE STEVENS FAMILY

1. The first permanent settler in Sterling was Henry Stevens, a Hollander, who came from Germany and landed on Long Island, where he was married. In 1800, he came to Sterling and bought two hundred acres of land, on which he built a log house and which he partly cleared and improved. He settled about a half mile south of the village of Sterling, on the North and South turnpike, near the Butternut creek. He built his log house south of the house now occupied by John Ferguson. It was on the same side of the turnpike near the top of the hill. His descendants plowing up the site of this old log house found old dishes and money. Henry Stevens had received a very good education in his native country. He was an honest, upright man, a charter member of the first Congregational Church (Presbyterian) organized in Wayne County in 1808, at Salem. In 1820, he built one of the finest residences in all the surrounding territory. It was used as a tavern and is now the farm house of G. A. Howe. Both Henry Stevens and his wife, Martha Valentine, who was born in England, lived to a great age, and died on the farm their industry and energy had redeemed from the wilderness. Their children were: Valentine, Jane, George, Nicholas, Mary, Martha, Ann, and Henry. Henry Stevens hired teachers to come to his house to teach his children, an advantage enjoyed but by few of his day. Elder George Dobel taught school here and held Baptist meetings on Sunday. Henry Stevens and his sons built the section of the North and

South turnpike from Sterling to Howe's Mountain and never received a dollar for their work. Henry and Martha Stevens lived to a great age and were buried on their farm, south of George Howe's barn. Henry Stevens died November 26, 1932. She died in 1836.

2. Valentine Stevens, son of Henry Stevens (1) was born in 1791 and died October 9, 1841. He married Sarah Frasier born October 14, 1794 and died February 6, 1865. Children: William, born in 1827; Samuel, born August 11, 1824 and died March 22, 1882; Orville Cephas, born July 17, 1835 died January 15, 1860; George Henry, born September 13, 1821 and died April 15, 1847; Nelson, born 1830; Valentine Jr., born July 11, 1832; Jane, born in 1824; and Arbell, born in 1834. G. H. Stevens married Lucy E. Megargle, daughter of Isaac Megargle Sr.; Samuel Stevens married Margaret Dale.

3. William Stevens, son of Valentine Stevens (2) married Julia South 1830-1899. Children: Wesley; Minnie, wife of Benjamin Deckard; Nettie, wife of William Real; Leona, wife of Richard Wheeler; Retta, wife of George Croft; Mary; Lenora, wife of Warren Sebring; and Harry Stevens married Bessie Henry.

4. Valentine Stevens Jr., son of Valentine Stevens (2) lived in the house that his father and grandfather built. He died June 26, 1869, then his widow sold the house to her brother, A. C. Howe. He married August 11, 1865, Harriet Rebecca Howe, daughter of Abram S. Howe. She later married Dr. John Kief. No children.

5. Jane Stevens, daughter of Valentine Stevens (2) was born September 16, 1823 and died February 8, 1899. She married Allen Bortree, son of Thomas Bortree Sr., as his second wife. No children.

6. Jane Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens (1) was born in 1794 and married Charles Cliff as his second wife. No children.

7. George Stevens, son of Henry Stevens (1) was born March 7, 1796 and died as a result of injury falling trees for timber to build the first Methodist Church in Sterling. He died December 24, 1846. He married Rachel Weeks, daughter of Job Weeks; she was born July 19, 1794 and died March 22, 1870. Children: George Jr., born November 23, 1823; Elizabeth, Dianna, Job Henry, and Thomas Stevens.

8. George Stevens Jr., son of George Stevens (7) married Elizabeth Catterson, daughter of William Catterson, who was born March 18, 1829 and died July 31, 1877. He died July 26, 1892. Children: Rachel, born in 1854; Emma, born in 1856; and William Herbert 1858-1914 who married Ida Beisecker.

9. Elizabeth A. Stevens, daughter of George Stevens (7) was born September 23, 1825 and died February 28, 1891, married November 27, 1861 to George Cliff, son of Selina Inkpen and Charles Cliff Sr. Children: Theresa, born July 20, 1863 and died November 23, 1863; Effie Selina, born in 1864 and died May 11, 1942; Elva M., born in 1869 and died September 25, 1941, wife of Harry Megargle died February 12, 1940, son of Oakley Megargle.

10. Dianna Stevens, daughter of George Stevens (7) was born May 14, 1827 and died May 7, 1883, married George Washington Megargle, son of Amasa Megargle. One child: Hannah E., born in 1850. She was the first wife of P. T. Howe and later married Jeremiah H. Wilcox, whose first wife had been Dianna Swingle.

11. Job Henry Stevens, son of George Stevens (7) was born May 18, 1831 and

died March 14, 1901. He married Sarah Ann Dunston, daughter of John Dunston, immigrant from England. She was born February 7, 1837 and died July 2, 1915. Children: Elverina, born February 17, 1858; Lorena, born January 4, 1861; Minerva, born October 28, 1862; Ray, born September 24, 1865; Bertha, born January 30, 1868; Isabel, born August 31, 1870 and died May 13, 1939; and Blanche, born December 27, 1873 and died March 16, 1949.

12. Nicholas Stevens, son of Henry Stevens (1) was born March 9, 1798 and died July 28, 1880. He married in 1823, Nancy Ann, daughter of Robert and Nancy Ann Catterson, born July 28, 1801 and died May 29, 1845. Children: Ann, born December 11, 1824, wife of Weston Woodbridge; Henry, born June 4, 1826; Martha, born October 7, 1828; Robert, born December 25, 1830; William J., born April 16, 1833; Nicholas D., born August 28, 1835; Isaac E., born April 1, 1839; and Mary J., born May 2, 1842. Nicholas Stevens married in 1846, Isabell, daughter of William and Elizabeth Catterson, born December 25, 1823 and died August 31, 1889. Their children were: Elbert G., born August 28, 1847, married April 10, 1871, Alice MacFarland; Ernest A., born September 11, 1849; Atherton B., and William A.

13. Elverina Stevens, daughter of Job Stevens (11) married Charles Frick, son of John Frick. Children: Harry, married Grace Musgrave; Grace, wife of William Lee; and Alton, single.

14. Lorena Stevens, daughter of Job Stevens (11) married Thomas Frick, son of John Frick. Children: Mabel, single; and Pearl, wife of Fred Dearhoff.

15. Minerva Stevens, daughter of Job Stevens (11) married James Bird as his second wife. No children. She died July 20, 1931.

16. Ray Stevens, son of Job Stevens (11) married May 9, 1899, Ella Lee, daughter of John H. Lee. Children: Harvey, born July 13, 1901, died December 30, 1949; and Frank. The latter married Helen Enslin and has two sons: Albert and Howard Stevens.

17. Bertha Stevens, daughter of Job Stevens (11) married 1st, Leffiet Ammerman, born September 26, 1853, died September 28, 1916. They had four children: Myrtle, Carl, Marvin, and Edna. Bertha Stevens married 2nd, Oscar Martin. L. F. Ammerman married 1st, Mary C. Loring, born October 14, 1859, died January 8, 1890, daughter of Luther Loring.

18. Ernest Stevens, son of Nicholas Stevens (12) died January 5, 1936, married September 18, 1875, Irene M. Noble, daughter of Roswell Noble. Children: Wilmer H., Fred, Clinton C., Harry, and Miss Grace Stevens.

19. William A. Stevens, son of Nicholas Stevens (12) was born in Sterling, June 15, 1864. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College. He married April 8, 1891, Mame Chapman of Salem. She died June 26, 1935. Children: Celia G., Carl V., Lenora; and Glenn of Oregon.

20. Atherton B. Stevens, son of Nicholas Stevens (12) was born in Sterling June 18, 1857 and died July 15, 1914. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in 1880. He married April 25, 1888, Miss Eva Swingle, daughter of Oliver Swingle. One daughter, Madeline, born February 16, 1892. He married 2nd, Mrs. Lillie Musgrave Hawk, born May 14, 1867.

21. Mary Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens (1) married William Catterson,

son of Robert Catterson, who died February 8, 1884 aged 84 years. There were no children.

22. Martha Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens 1) married William Catterson as his second wife. She was born December 29, 1802 and died August 29, 1868. There were no children.

23. Ann Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens (1) was born in 1807 and died May 17, 1879. She married John Catterson born in 1802 and died March 14, 1892. Children: John M., Henry, William Dean; Ann, Martha, Mary, Sarah, Caroline, and Robert.

24. Henry Stevens Jr., son of Henry Stevens (1) was born in Sterling December 25, 1807 and died May 21, 1878. He married Sarah Dobell, daughter of Elder George Dobell. She was born in Kent County, England, September 3, 1812 and died February 21, 1898. She came to America when six years old, in 1818, with her father and two sisters. Elder Dobell married 1st, Elizabeth Hillman, who died in England. Children: Sarah and Ann, twins; and Eliza, wife of Abbott Purdy. Ann died single in 1895. Elder Dobell married twice later and had a very large family. He was a Baptist preacher. The children of Henry Stevens Jr. were: Eliza Ann, born February 21, 1835; John, born April 15, 1836; Mary, born August 7, 1838; Harriet A., born May 4, 1840; Martha, born September 13, 1846; William, F., born September 1, 1844; Emma, born October 20, 1849, died October 26, 1884; Pheobe M., born in 1842; Charlotte, born September 20, 1852; and George Dobell, born August 13, 1853.

25. Eliza Ann Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens (24) married May 18, 1854. William Yates, son of Benjamin T. Yates. He was born June 6, 1831 and died February 27, 1898. She died May 27, 1903. One daughter: Minnie A., born in 1868 and died May 20, 1935. She married Abe Garriss, born in 1868 and died October 17, 1937.

26. John Stevens, son of Henry Stevens (24) died May 12, 1921 married March 21, 1866 to Mary A. Yates, daughter of Benjamin T. Yates. She died January 25, 1876. Children: Ira M., born January 6, 1867 and died March 21, 1914, single; Ida M., born April 25, 1868 and died May 5, 1940; Merton J., born December 25, 1870 and died June 13, 1943; and Charles, born January 1, 1876; he is also known as Charles Yates as he was adopted by William Yates. John Stevens married 2nd, January 30, 1878, Miss Mary E. Sinquet, daughter of Eliza Friz and Joseph Sinquet, born November 24, 1857 and died July 4, 1908. Children: Arthur, born February 21, 1880 died August 11, 1931, married Maud Rotterman; Nellie, born September 20, 1884 and died February 22, 1931, wife of Redford E. Miller, born October 7, 1873; Emma, born December 6, 1889; Henry, born May 29, 1894; Gertrude, born October 1, 1898 and Louis, born May 19, 1902.

27. Mary Jane Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens (24) died January 9, 1923, married John Ferguson, son of Thomas Furgeson, born May 7, 1837 and died December 2, 1929. Children: Idella H., Lillie F., John W. Jr.; Jessie C., Alberta, Horton W., Harley M., and Oscar.

28. Harriet A. Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens (24) died December 13, 1925, married July 4, 1863, Solon S. Peet, born 1838 and died January 8, 1865 from injury in Civil War. He was a son of Daniel Peet Jr. He was in the 97th Regiment

Pennsylvania Infantry and was wounded November 11, 1864. One son: Frank Alba, born June 11, 1864 and died August 12, 1938. He married in 1883, Zelda Edwards daughter of David Edwards. She was born February 7, 1867 and died August 31, 1894. Children: Howard Alba, born July 7, 1884; Stella, born in 1885 and died young; Solon Franklin, born July 22, 1887; Orville David, born March 28, 1889; Stewart Ross, born January 11, 1891; and Elma Cecele, born April 2, 1893, married June 23, 1913 Harry F. Ehrhardt, son of Mary Gilpin and George Ehrhardt.

29. Martha Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens (24) married James Bird, born June 3, 1847 and died August 17, 1918. She died September 23, 1880. He married 2nd, Minerva Stevens, daughter of Job Stevens (11). Martha Stevens and James Bird had two children: William Henry who died March 10, 1933 and Stella.

30. Phebe Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens (24) died July 2, 1909, married September 9, 1868 to Benjamin T. Yates, 1838-July 18, 1907. Children: Frank, Eva, Burton, and Leonard Yates.

31. George Dobell Stevens, son of Henry Stevens (24) died May 23, 1937, married May 17, 1884, Tacie Allie Noble, daughter of Roswell Noble, died October 19, 1949. Children: Buel and Lenore.

32. Charlotte Stevens, daughter of Henry Stevens (24) died December 10, 1933. After caring for her parents, she was married late in life to Daniel ODell 1842-1916. No children.

33. Henry Stevens, son of John Stevens (26) married November 9, 1912, Charlotte Abdill, born in 1893. Children: Henry Carlyle, married Augusta Field McLean; Laura Thelma, married June 8, 1940 to Frances G. Beers; Geertrude E., born April 6, 1918, married Emil Stanat; Jack, killed in action, August 1944; and Warren.

34. William F. Stevens, son of Henry Stevens (24) died February 28, 1912, married Sarah Sinquet, daughter of Eliza Fritz and Joseph Sinquet, born November 21, 1852, died November 8, 1932. Children: Annie, born February 5, 1873, died January 24, 1912, wife of George Phillips II; Charles, married Ella Leshner; George married Sybel Moon; Elmer, born July 23, 1882, who was killed October 17, 1903; Chester, married Mabel Butterworth; Oscar, born June 24, 1880, died April 7, 1882; and Eber, born February 26, 1892, died August 24, 1892; and Milton, of Sterling.

35. Charles Joseph Stevens, son of William F. Stevens (34) was born in Sterling November 14, 1874. He was married January 16, 1901 to Ella Mae Leshner, born January 8, 1879, daughter of Austin Leshner. Children: Eola May, born November 11, 1901, wife of Lee Haag; Leslie Brock, born July 23, 1903; Clifford Allen, born May 28, 1905; Vida Frances, born May 25, 1907, wife of William Hall; Rhea Elizabeth, born May 13, 1908, wife of George Skelton; Owen Bernard, born November 21, 1909; Donald Austin, born August 26, 1911; Dorothy Kathryn, born August 20, 1913, wife of Thomas Robinson; Isabel Irene, born December 11, 1914, wife of Fred Martin; Pauline Lillian, born March 14, 1916, wife of Thornton Counterman; Glenn William, born July 12, 1917; Hazel Margaret, born February 21, 1919; Betty Sarah, born April 2, 1921, wife of Merle Gilpin; and Carl Robert, born February 20, 1923.

THE WEBSTER FAMILY

1. Levi A. Webster was born at Lebanon, Connecticut, March 12, 1776 and

died in Sterling in 1849. He was married on October 13, 1801 to Martha Munn, born in Colchester, Conn., June 17, 1782 and died in Sterling, in 1855. Both are buried in the Salem Cemetery. Levi Webster came to Salem in December, 1817 and the following October moved to West Sterling, where he farmed until his death. Their children were: Benjamin, born February 8, 1803; Elijah Hubbard, born January 7, 1807; Sam Payne, born September 12, 1812; Conrad D., born January 15, 1815; Lucy Wells, born April 13, 1817; all born in Lebanon, Conn. Gustavus, born January 13, 1821; and Gilbert, born April 15, 1824, both born in Sterling. Conrad settled in Hollisterville, Gustavus in Sterling, Gilbert in South Canaan, and Elijah in Sterling.

2. Elijah Hubbard Webster, son of Levi Webster (1), died in Sterling April 27, 1888. He married Emeline Baisley 1833-1908. Their children were: Clarence Eugene, born February 19, 1852; Josephine, born September 1853, married S'las Carey; and Lucy Webster; born November 15, 1860, married Edward V. Simons.

3. Clarence Eugene Webster, son of E. H. Webster (2) d'ed in Sterling February 1, 1919. H married Alice Utt, born August 17, 1856 and died October 16, 1938. Children: Granville E., born August 17, 1880; Floyd W., born February 22, 1885; and Ruth E., born January 1, 1895, wife of Karl O. Simons, son of Ella Catterson and Isaac Simons.

4. Floyd Webster, son of C. E. Webster (3) married Margaret Elizabeth Meytrott, daughter of Joseph and Celestia Edwards Meytrott. Children: Margaret A., born October 16, 1921; and Eugene M., born April 23, 1925.

THE YATES FAMILY

1. The Yates family begins in England when William Yates, a weaver and manufacturer of cotton goods, married on January 31, 1803, Margaret Tilsley. They became quite wealthy and prominent and spent their last days in retirement. They came to Philadelphia from Manchester, England, and located in Lancaster County, where they died. Their children were: Joseph, born in 1803; William J., born in 1806 and married Mary Graham; Benjamin Tilsley, born February 16, 1809; and Elizabeth, wife of John Reigley.

2. Benjamin T. Yates, son of William Yates (1) was born in Manchester, England, where he married January 3, 1830, Mary Ann Jarvis, who died April 18, 1853, aged 45 years. Benjamin Yates l'ved in England until 1837, when he and his family migrated to Philadelphia, and subsequently to Sterling. He was a shoemaker by trade; he learned to read from the guide boards or sign boards and became a great reader of history. He was of a roving disposition, traveled much and was a man of observation and reflection. He died in Salem. They are buried in the Howetown Cemetery. Their children were: William, born June 6, 1831; Joseph, who died at the age of two and one-half years; Benjamin Jr., who married Phebe M. Stevens; and Josephine, born August 31, 1843; and Mary, wife of John Stevens. Benjamin T. Yates married as his second wife, a Mrs. Loney, and as his third wife, Mrs. Mary J. Finley; but he had no children by these unions. He died September 3, 1876.

3. William Yates, son of Benjamin T. Yates (2) was born in Manchester, England, and had crossed the Atlantic Ocean three times before he was six years old. On May 18, 1854, he married Miss Eliza Ann Stevens, a daughter of Sarah Dobell

and Henry Stevens, who died May 27, 1903. They had one daughter, Minnie and raised Charles T. Stevens, son of John Stevens, who was a brother of Mrs. Yates. Minnie Yates died May 20, 1935, married Abe Garris, who died October 17, 1937.

4. Benjamin Yates Jr., son of Benjamin Yates (2) married Phebe M. Stevens, daughter of Sarah Dobell and Henry Stevens. Their children were: Frank, and Eva, who died young; Burton, who died unmarried; and Leonard, who married Helen Rowe.

5. Josephine Yates, daughter of Benjamin Yates (2), was born August 31, 1843 and died October 11, 1903, married September 9, 1862, John Heazelton Lee, son of Thomas Lee. Children were: Benjamin; Ella, wife of Ray Stevens, son of Job Stevens; William, and Charles.

6. Mary Yates, daughter of Benjamin Yates (2) was married to John Stevens, son of Sarah Dobell and Henry Stevens. Their children were: Ira, Ida, Merton, and Charles.

7. Leonard Yates, son of Benjamin Yates Jr. (4) married Helen Rowe. Child: Kenneth, married Dorothy Meade.



INCIDENCES

Horace Simons is in possession of a receipt from N. B. Eldred, Treasurer of Wayne County, with county seat at Bethany, issued to Horace Simons' grandfather, Richard Simons: "January 28, 1830, Received of Richard Simons, tax collector, \$167.09 in full for Sterling Tax for the year 1829."

In the same possession is a note from William Gilpin to Richard Simons: "Mr. Richard Simons: Please Sir, to give Margaret 2 dollars & 7 shillings which is the amount of your school tax, and you will oblige your friend very much. William Gilpin." Dated Sterling, April 11, 1835.

Peter Corey fell from the piazza of Captain Howe's tavern and was killed.

In 1802, soon after Henry Stevens moved to the wilderness of Sterling Township, two of his children were lost in the woods: Jane was 8 years old and George was 6. They strayed away too far and could not tell the way back. Mr. Stevens rallied what few neighbors he had and searched far and wide, and did not find them until the fourth day, near the Lackawanna County line. While the children were lost, the pious old Hollander prayed in broken English: "Lord Gott, give me mein kinder und Ich starb in ein minut". (Give me my children and I will die in a minute.)

Nicholas Stevens, son of Henry Stevens, was two years old when his parents moved to Sterling. He was born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He said that his earliest recollections were of wolves, panthers, bears, and deer. This taught him to be a very successful hunter.

The writing of epitaphs is a custom that belongs to the earliest generations in New England. This practice has just about ceased but there are two in the township cemeteries which are worth recording:

Ellenor M.
 wife of
 Amasa Megargil
 died
 July 15, 1837
 ae. 50 Y.

No marble can her worth impart
 Tis written on my bleeding heart
 Inscribed with more than human skill
 In memory live her virtues still.

Richard Gilpin
 died
 Jan. 8, 1835
 ae. 82 y & 21 d.

Now he resides where Jesus is
 Above the dusky sphere
 His soul was ripened for that bliss
 While yet he sojourned here.

Richard John Gilpin (called Johnnie) lived on the North and South turnpike where Walslik lives and kept the tollgate. "We used to calculate there were about fifty head of cattle passing through the gate per day in July, about two hundred per day during August and September, and one hundred per day in October; August and November being the sheep months, and the same number of sheep were driven. They came from New York and Ohio. Raftsmen in returning came on this road which was a great thoroughfare before the railroads. The turnpike was abandoned in 1868.

Old John Catterson said when he married a daughter of Henry Stevens, he was not worth twenty-five dollars, but we were just as happy as the day was long. He put up a log cabin and the next year a frame for a house, but the wind blew it down. He re-erected it, had a family of nine children and smoked a stub of a clay pipe and was exceedingly happy and contented.

One winter Benjamin Correll kept eleven deer in his cellar on potatoes. In the spring he had to force them away. When he died in Sterling in 1886, he had 14 children, 82 grandchildren, 84 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. He was 84; his wife 89.

Aaron Nelson, a negro, lived and died back of the Zion Cemetery, where he is buried. He accidentally dropped his little son, Aaron Jr. and killed him. It was a sorrow that he could hardly bear. He was known to be a great fisherman.

One of the most favored of the old-time Methodist Hymns in Sterling was said to be sung at every meeting. The people who remembered Robert Bortree Sr. and his "leading meeting" never forgot the rich Irish brogue with which he announced and read the following much loved Hymn (found in "Hymns and Spiritual Songs, for the use of Christians in the Methodist Societies" printed in Baltimore, 1817, 13th edition, page 262) entitled "Free Grace":

1. "The Lord is to His garden come,
The spices yield a rich perfume,
The lilies grow and thrive;
! Refreshing streams of grace divine,
From Jesus flows to every vine,
And makes the dead revive.
2. This makes the dry and barren ground
With springs of water to abound
And fruitful soil become
The desert blossoms like the rose,
When Jesus conquers all His foes,
And makes His people one.
3. That glorious day is rolling on,
The gracious work is now begun,
My soul a witness is
I taste and know that grace is free
And all mankind as well as me
May drink the streams of bliss.
4. The worst of sinners here may find
A Saviour pitiful and kind
Who will them all receive;
None are too vile who will repent,
Out of one sinner, legions went,
That none should die or any grieve.
5. Come brethren dear, who know the Lord,
Who taste the sweets of Jesus' word,
In all His ways go on;
OUR POVERTY AND TRIALS HERE
WILL ONLY MAKE US RICHER THERE
WHEN WE ARRIVE AT HOME.
6. We feel that heaven is now begun,
It issues from the shining throne,
From Jesus' throne on high.
It comes in floods we can't contain
We drink and drink and drink again,
And yet we still are dry.
7. But when we come to reign above
And all surround the throne of love
We'll drink a full supply;
Jesus will lead His ransom'd forth
To living streams of richest worth
That never shall run dry.
8. There we shall reign and shout and sing,
And make the heavenly arches ring,
When all the saints get home.
Come on, come on, my brethren dear

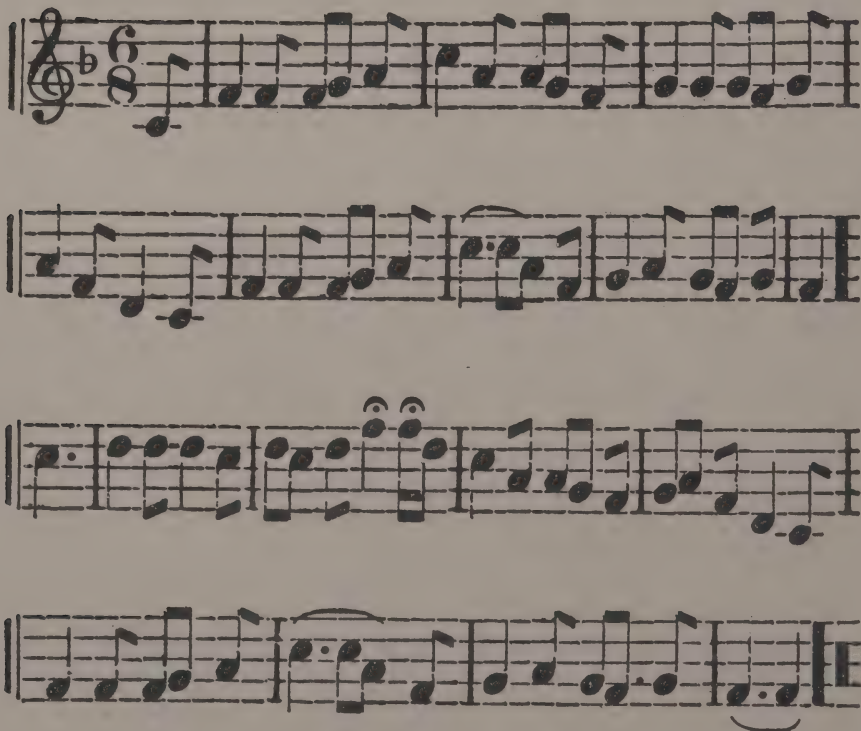
Soon we shall meet together there
For Jesus bids us come,

9. Amen, amen, my soul replies,
I'm bound to meet you in the skies,
And claim a mansion there;
Now here's my heart and here's my hand
To meet you in that heavenly land,
Where we shall part no more.

Brother John Bortree, will you start that tune?" As one read aloud this hymn with all the vigor and enthusiasm that Brother Robert would put into it, we can catch something of the great power of the meeting. They often sang the hymn with a chorus:

"I will arise and run and meet him
And embrace him in my arms,
In the arms of my dear Jesus,
O he hath ten thousand charms."

The tune is printed herewith from the Wesleyan Psalmist of 1843.



It is possible to reproduce the old hymns they sang but it is not possible to tell just what the sermons were like. To be sure, they were filled with escatology for every age and every generation of Christendom since the Ascension of Our Lord has believed that they were the ones who would be privileged to see the returning Saviour. From the Apostle Paul to our own day, people have waited for Him; every hard storm, every hurricane, every thunder, strange signs in the sky, circles around the sun and moon filled the mind with wonderment and the saintly people interpreted it as the fulfillment of prophecy. Mrs. Robert Bortree Sr., was not a member of the church and would give no heed to her good husband's admonitions. One day a fearful wind storm arose and the old lady was terrified. She thought the world was surely coming to an end. In her extreme fright, she besought her preacher husband to pray for her. His sense of the Infinite's justice was insulted by her proposition and he said: "Indade and I won't; this is what I have been warnin' ye and tellin' ye for this forty years, and now that the devil has come for you, it is TOO LATE TO PRAY."

Mrs. Elizabeth Gilpin, wife of Johnnie Gilpin, often related to her nieces and nephews her remembrances of the "rain of stars" that was very noticeable in New England and this section the morning of November 13, 1833. It was that the heavens appeared to be full of stars and all of them moving and out of place. It caused great consternation and hundreds of people were filled with fright. Some thought of it as the day of judgment.

On June 7, 1881, when 70 years old, William E. Hamlin, of cherished memory, wrote this poem and it was printed in the county paper:



Sterling Church 1900, P. O. S. of A. Hall

TODAY

To-day fills full my "three score ten,"
 Seventy brier years have passed, since when
 In lovely June, all nature bright,
 My dazzled eyes first met the light.

I greeted life in strange surprise,
 "Hardly believing my own eyes",
 I wondered much, am wondering still,
 Though many years my measure fill.

I wonder men with ample store
 Will risk it all to make it more;
 When all is lost, bad luck will say—
 Or I would have been rich today.

I wonder some men hale and strong,
 Can count this life a quiet song,
 Lay nothing up for ills, or age,
 Till want and misery fill their page.

I wonder at the miser's greed,
 Who lives, and dies, in pressing need,
 His body starve, his spirit sell,
 To hoard the gold he loves so well.

I wonder at the drunkard's sup,
 The fiendish magic of his cup,
 To sink the soul, degrade the man,
 Oh, solve the mystery if you can!

My weakest points that others see—
 Why are they not revealed to me?
 My mind too dull to see within,
 I wonder if the cause is sin!

I wonder at my follies past
 And always hoped each was the last;
 Seventy years old, my life should be
 A pattern safe for all to see.

But most of all I wonder this—
 So little care for Heavenly bliss;
 Such eager haste for joys that die
 While lasting treasures are passed by.

The old fashioned obituaries are almost a thing of the past. Relatives clipped them and preserved them for generations as they usually told the true worth of the individual in question. The following obituary is copied to preserve it:

"Noble—James Madison Noble, as estimable citizen, and for twenty-four years an active and successful merchant, was born in Norwalk, Conn., September 24, 1803 and died May 12, 1880, aged 76. At the age of twenty-four he married Eliza M Hamlin, with whom he lived in loving union for fifty-three years. His children, consisting of five daughters and one son, were all present at his funeral. Seldom

have we known a more loving and tenderly affectionate family. Some forty years ago he professed faith in Jesus Christ, and his heart opened to a Saviour's love. During these years his life was uniformly consistent. In 1860-61 the writer became his pastor, and knew him so well in that intimate and tender relation. I well remember his fidelity and constancy. He loved the sanctuary dearly. He was a loyal, intelligent, and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; yet his heart was broad enough, and sufficiently loving, to embrace all Christian denominations. He was no bigot. His death, though preceded by unusual suffering, was peaceful and triumphant. He often quoted the promises, and looked forward, with clear vision, to the better land. His death was the sweet cadence of the last hymn, the dying murmur of the wave upon the shore. It was the natural peroration of a well-woven life and history. It was the glorious fulfillment of the prophecies of his early years."

IRA T. WALKER

There are those still living who remember that when James M. Noble became very deaf that always preceding the sermon, he walked to the pulpit and stood by the minister in order that he might hear the sermon. Fred Lloyd, a bachelor and a much respected Irishman always lived with the Nobles.

Here is an incomplete list of persons who have attained to great age in the township: Moses Masters died about 1890 at the age of 103; Mary Ann Heazelton, relict of Thomas Bortree Sr. lacked three months of being 100; Elvira Gorman Bortree, relict of Dawson Bortree lacked one month of being 97; Maria Bortree, relict of John Bortree Sr. was 96 at death; Edmund Hartford at 94 years of age was noted for "remarkable strength and suppleness"; Ann Catterson consort of Robert Catterson was 93; John Wallace at death was 91.

John Wallace was born in Ireland March 1, 1813 and landed in New York June 3, 1832. He married May 2, 1837 Mary McDivitt born February 1, 1812 who had come to America June 10, 1832. They settled in Sterling April 1, 1840 where they died. He died December 20, 1904; she died January 2, 1894. Children: Elizabeth, Joseph, Mary Joanna, Sarah, Martha, all have departed from the township. Robert Wallace was a brother of John Wallace and died in Sterling September 17, 1866 ac. 56. James Wallace was his son.

Daniel Sloats (Slotes, occupied the farm that was later owned by P. W. Gillner. He had four sons: George, John, James, and Daniel Jr.

Soon after 1900, the Capt. Warren G. Moore Post, Grand Army of the Republic, was moved from the IOOF hall in Salem to the POS of A Hall in Sterling. The Civil War cannon, then on wooden wheels, was moved and put in its present position. Since it has been anchored in concrete. Henry Moon was the last Sterling member of the GAR.

John Smith came to Sterling from County Tyrone, Ireland in 1854. He died February 22, 1867 ac 54. He married Ann McDivitt who died March 21, 1897 ac 85. Children born in Ireland: Tillie, Sarah, John Jr., Edward and William; born in America: Hattie, Annie, and Mary, wife of John B. Phillips. They lived on the farm now owned by Walter Hinds in West Sterling. John Smith Jr. 1841-1920 married Margaret Kent 1841-1906, and of their children: John E., born August 10, 1862

died January 24, 1885; Thomas R., born November 28, 1864 died October 21, 1888; Birdie, son, born March 14, 1876 died March 17, 1876, are buried in Sterling.

Robert McDivitt, brother of Mrs. John Wallace and Mrs. John Smith Sr., came to Sterling from Ireland. He died in Sterling February 22, 1887 ae 72; his wife Sarah died in 1853 ae 57.

Charles Wildash lived in Clifftown where he died February 19, 1865 ae 58-6-3. His wife Sarah died April 26, 1883 ae 83.

ANECDOTES

When Mary Ann Heazelton, wife of Thomas Bortree Sr., died January 24, 1878 lacking four months only of being one hundred years of age, her funeral was held on Monday. Her daughter, Susannah Bortree Gilpin was late for the funeral and held up the service some few minutes. When she arrived, she was sharply reproved by her brother. She replied quickly: "Don't you know that Monday is my wash day?"

In one of the old Methodist testimony meetings, Oscar Noble became excited and promised the Lord in his testimony that: "I will live better in the past than I have in the future".

One night Miss Adelaide Noble went out to draw water and found her well curb disturbed. She lighted her lantern and started down the road for help, and was soon met by her brother, Thomas M., who said to her: "What are you out for?" "I am looking for a man" was the reply. To which he retorted: "Well, for heaven's sake then, blow out your light!"

Job Stevens said that all the Cattersons were either Bill, Bob or John! At one time in Sterling Township there were four John Cattersons, four William Cattersons, and three Robert Cattersons.

Fannie and Eliza Dobson, spinsters, lived on the North and South, north of the village where the stone chimney stands. They were entertaining for all day several of the elite of the village and spread their table with all the delicacies of a harvest dinner. Among the number was Mrs. James D. Gilpin who looked at the Misses Dobson's tin "silverware" and remarked that she had just purchased some solid silver teaspoons, to which one of the spinsters replied: "Oh we have solid silver too, but we only use it for *fine* company!" The other dowagers present could not cut the atmosphere for ice.

After the old Methodist Church was torn down and the foundation for the new one was being laid, a number of men were in the cellar-hole digging. There was a very fine rooster came over to inspect the work of the laborers. The chanticleer surveyed the industry from all angles and walked the foundation walls around and around. Finally the dominie's mouth began to water and the Reverend Mr. Evans said to Mr. P. W. Gillner: "I would like very much to have that rooster home stewing in a pot"; to which Mr. Gillner replied: "You may have him for all I care, why don't you take him home and have a good meal?" So the good Reverend and Mr. Rooster went merrily down the street much against the rooster's will. In the course of time, the chicken had entered the ministry and the parsonage



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family were duly satisfied, until Mr. Henry Myers came over to the dominie and demanded pay for the rooster!

In the day before mass education and the public school, the curious sought knowledge in the "hard" way. Books were few, teachers were unlearned, and one had to inquire in order to secure the valued information. Mrs. Stevens told her husband that she wanted to know how many inches there were on a carpenter's two-foot square. He said if she wanted to know, she could find out by counting them, which she did, and when she returned her husband asked her how many there were and she replied: "23"!

Determination and strength of character has been very marked in the citizenry of Sterling. On one instance a man very prominent in the affairs of the building of the new Methodist Church in town, donated lumber for the building as did many others. More lumber was donated than needed and the first mentioned donor decided to take his lumber back home unloaded which he did. Several days later he was surveying the new building and saw a pile of lumber much resembling his own and when he asked what it was there for was told that it was not needed. So the party of the first part proceeded to load it on his wagon much to the disgust of those around and the action was strongly protested. The loader yelled: "I know my lumber when I see it". "You cannot make me let my own stuff alone", etc., and away he went with the lumber. When he reached home he drove to

the place where he was to unload the lumber and there to his amazement was his own lumber neatly piled by his own hand several days before. In his bewilderment, he drove back up to the church unloaded the lumber that was not his and went home sorrowfully; he did not see how he could be so mistaken.

Sterling has been known for its single people and it seems that it has had more than its share. Robert Bortree II, son of Maria and John Bortree, born in Ireland came to Sterling with his mother and settled where Beischers live. Robert was as good a man as ever lived but was a trifle odd. The Ladies' Aid was sponsoring a donation supper in the old church and it was decided that personal calls on the unchurched might increase the attendance and the donations. Miss Adelaide Noble was the one delegated to call on bachelor Robert. When she made her mission known at his door, he replied: "I will come if you will eat with me!" Miss Noble was game and said: "I shall consider it an extreme pleasure, Mr. Bortree, to be your guest". When the donation cup was passed around, much to the delight and surprise of all, including Miss Noble, Robert pulled out a ten-dollar gold piece and put it in the cup. It was not only the largest donation, but the only gold piece. Miss Noble always boasted what her call on bachelor Robert did for the church.

Going to Sunday School in the old days was about the only Sabbath activity for kids. Sometimes when walking was good, the little urchins would go to two or three Sunday Schools in one day. The Nobletown children attended morning school in the Methodist Church and Jericho school in the afternoon. On one occasion, the old Nobletown Sunday School became so large that the class of Junior girls was delegated to the old school house for study; this deprived them of being in the old one room church where they could see everything and everybody. When A. C. Howe's girls found out about it, one of them went home quite upset and blurted out: "I'm never going up there again to Sunday School, why no one can see me in that old school house!" And the other, smaller daughter said: "Oh, I don't care so much, I can still show off my new clothes down to Jericho!"

When Fall came each year, the Sterling farmers peddled their provender in the city of Scranton. They would load their vehicles the day before, then arise a great while before daylight and drive a team and wagon sometimes in freezing cold weather, sell their produce, do a little trading and drive home and be glad to be home by midnight. Mrs. Wildash lived in Jericho and when Charles Cliff would pass her house to go either to Nobletown or to Scranton, she would run out and ask him to buy her a quarter of a pound of tea. He bought her tea week in and week out until he became a trifle annoyed. He reasoned: she could order a pound or two of tea at once and give me a rest once in a while. She did not change. So one day he returned without the tea and when she ran out for it he said: "Oh bless me! I forgot your tea; and bless me, I know right where I was when I forgot it!" She took the hint and Mr. Cliff was relieved of his burden.

Once George Cliff and Lester B. Adams wanted to commit a little sin so they made up their minds to go over to the big city of Scranton and take in a show. This was an unheard of thing for pious people and especially men of their standing. The former was time-honored Methodist and the latter was an Elder in the Jericho Presbyterian Church. He was affectionately known as Deacon Adams. The two old boys finally arrived in the Theater and got to looking at the performance. Finally Bro. Cliff said to his partner out loud in the house: "That was pretty good ah, Deacon." And the other hurriedly replied: "For Heaven's sake don't call me Deacon in here". That nearly broke up the show.

Sometimes when people live too long they become a burden to those with whom they are called upon to live and often, sadly enough to say, they become a prey to misuse. Moses Masters probably lived to be the oldest of any person to live in the township. He was 103 passed at his death. After he had passed the century mark he was still up and around in all his vigor yet went with two canes just for fortification, he said. This day he wandered away from his board and lodging to his grandson's house where he was invited to stay to dinner. When his gracious hostess asked him if he would care for "sass" he said: "Sure, I don't get table "sass" very often, all I get where I stay is house "sass'!" It helps sometimes just to sputter.

When Johnny Gilpin kept toll-gate on the North and South turnpike, north of Nobletown, it was his duty to take toll from everyone who went through the gate. One night at dusk, he noticed a woman driving a horse and sitting on the axel between two wheels approaching the gate. When she came to a sluice near the gate she stopped the horse, got off and put a bundle in the sluice and hurried on. She did not pay toll and Mr. Gilpin ran to catch her but she had gotten away. He went quickly to the sluice and unwrapped the bundle only to find that it contained a baby which soon died. The woman was never known. When Mark Gilpin was a little boy, his father and mother often teased him by telling him that his twin, Morilla was really a Gilpin, but he was the baby they found in the sluice.

Almerian R. Howe was considered one of the finer young men of the Nobletown community and was much sought after by the weaker sex of the vicinity. On one occasion when "sparking" a girl for the first time and not wishing his other numerous friends to discover his two-timing, he requested the certain lady in question: "If you please I'd rather you did not tell anyone that I called on you tonight." The witty reply from the girl was: "Don't worry Almerian, I won't tell it, for I am just as ashamed of it as you are!" At any rate he wanted to play safe, and he did not feel welcome there afterwards.

Mention has already been made of the number of old folks in Sterling who never married. On that account it is thought that this poem was taught in the Nobletown school for many years. It is copied from an old schoolbook now over a century old:

SALE OF OLD BACHELORS

I Dreamed a dream in the midst of my slumbers,
And as fast as I dreamed it was coined into numbers
My thought ran along in such beautiful metre,
I'm sure I ne'er saw any poetry sweeter.

It seemed that a law had been recently made
That a tax on old bachelors' pates should be laid;
And in order to make them all willing to marry
The tax was as large as a man could well carry.

The bachelors grumbled and said 'Twere no use,
'Twas horrid injustice and horrid abuse;
And declared, that to save their own hearts' blood from spilling,
Of such a vile tax they would ne'er pay a shilling
But the rulers determined their skill to pursue,

So they set the old bachelors up a vendue;
 A crier was sent through the town to and fro
 To rattle his bell and his trumpet to blow;
 And to call out to all he might meet in his way,
 "Ho! forty old bachelors sold here to-day!"

And presently all the old maids in the town
 Each one in her very best bonnet and gown
 From thirty to sixty, fair, plain, red and pale
 Of every description all flocked to the sale.

The auctioneer then in his labor began,
 And called out aloud, as he held up a man,
 "How much for a bachelor — who wants to buy?"
 In a twink every maiden responded, "I - I"

In short, at a hugely extravagant price,
 The bachelors all were sold off in a trice;
 And forty old maidens, some younger, some older,
 Each lugged an old bachelor home on her shoulder.

When people were "taken down sick" years ago, it was always customary for the neighbors and friends to come and sit up all night to "watch" the sick. One of the most dreaded plagues that took many of the youth and adults in Sterling was pneumonia. When Herman S. Howe at the age of thirty-two became ill, the doctor practically froze him to death with his "cold treatment". The theory was to open all the windows in the room and the cold would not allow the germs to grow. Of course medical science was insufficient then to either understand or thwart the spread of sickness. When Thomas Bortree, son of Alonzo Bortree, had pneumonia, Dr. T. "Wash" Bortree prescribed whiskey for the remedy. The dose was one tablespoon full per hour, no more as it would speed and weaken the heart. The "watchers" were two prominent Sterling men, one of whom is alive, the other went to his grave in a good old age. After the doctor left, the "watchers" decided that if whiskey was good for the sick it would keep the well from getting sick, so with every dose to the patient, a larger dose was taken by the watchers until before morning the bottle was empty and the watchers went home. The patient did not survive (no fault of the watchers however) and the watchers did not contract the disease.

Sam Cross was the Sterling correspondent to The Wayne County papers for years. He was an excellent writer and his wit and wisdom made the county paper a "must" in the homes of the township. I shall quote from four such clippings, all of them nearly a half century old.

W. H. Noble and W. B. Leshner made a three days' trip to Scranton for J. E. Cross last week.

Sugar makers are tapping trees but the snow is so deep that it is difficult to get around in the woods.

We have had the pleasure of visiting five of the Sterling schools and found at all a good attendance, houses all remarkably neat and clean, pupils quiet and studious and the recitation so far as we heard was well recited.



Shady Walk, Sterling, Pennsylvania

Laura Gilpin is teaching the Nobletown School and the following pupils have not missed a day during the term of five months: Floyd, Myrtle, and Beulah Cross, and Grace Gillner. The following were present every day during the past month: Royal, David, George, Lillie, and Stella Cross; Mary and George Robacker. During the holidays the Sterling teachers took a week's vacation, excepting Millicent Tolley, who took two weeks, but now she informs us that she is teaching Saturdays, thus redeeming the time, and is not so far behind the other teachers as some imagine. One thing we are convinced of and that is a seven-months' continuous term is as long as any of the children desire to go. When the days get warm in the spring they are all anxious to get out.

Mr. Reed is death on nocturnal black cats.

L. F. Ammerman received word today that his father had died at Scranton, aged 82.

A. J. Cross has a calf of the female persuasion, about two weeks old, that is a novelty. It is as finely developed a calf as you could wish to see, but excepting a small tuft of hair on its forehead it is covered with as complete a coat of black wool as any lamb, even to the tip of its tail. This may sound a little wooly, but the calf was inspected by over a score today and we think they will substantiate the above.

Mrs. Emma N. Howe led the League tonight.

The program for Children's Day, "The Young People's Republic" was executed today. The floral display was beautiful and much credit is due those who trimmed the church and drilled the children — an item frequently overlooked. The six stars that shone were Minnie and Jessie Howe, Orra Hafler, Herman Howe, George and Lyman Gilpin. Miss Verna Megarle impersonated "Liberty" and Miss Margaret Howe gave a recitation "The Master is Coming" that deserves especial mention. Mrs. H. A. Cliff, Lewis Robacker and family, Dr. Simons' family, Isaac Barnes and others from South Sterling were in attendance.

The crows are unusually hard on the corn, some fields being more than half pulled up. Considerable ingenuity is being displayed in the "scare-crow" line.

Charles Foster has been very sick with the measles.

L. F. Ammerman's family have had a serious time with the measles, but are improving. At such times many find it extremely difficult to procure sufficient help in the house. (How much easier it is for a single man to find a girl than it is for a married man!)

After a month's illness, Fannie A. Simons died at the residence of S. N. Cross, June 16th, at the age of 28 years, and was buried at the Simontown Cemetery on the 18th. Services in the M. E. Church at Nobletown, Rev. D. Evans officiating. The church was crowded and thirty carriages followed the remains to the cemetery, thus showing the esteem in which the young lady was held. How sad that in the bloom of youth the beautiful flower is cut down. Verily, "Death loves a shining mark." Six young ladies clothed in white were pall bearers: Misses Verna Megargle, Blanch Stevens, Ella Lee, Annie Wolfe, Mary Bortree, and Kate Rose. Misses Margaret Howe, Orra Hafler, Susie Cross and Nellie Gilpin were flower bearers.

W. B. Leshner came from Scranton on a wheel (which broke down) to attend the funeral.

Harriet Hazelton is quite poorly.

A number from this place took a straw ride on Friday evening. They attended the dime social at Thos. Brown's, the proceeds to go toward paying for an iron fence in front of the Howetown Cemetery.

On Tuesday, the 11th instant, between forty and fifty of the friends of A. C. Howe and wife took dinner with them. It was a complete surprise. Everyone seemed to enjoy the company. Such social occasions allow neighbors to become better acquainted, consequently have a more friendly feeling toward each other.

All the cemeteries in Sterling have been cleared of brush grass and look much improved. A fence is needed at Nobletown. There are enough funds to purchase one at Howetown. The others have fences.

Mrs. A. J. Cross is able to be around again.

Alonzo C. Wall, of New York, a cousin of P. H. Howe, is here again after an absence of over 40 years.

A party was held at the Leetown school house last week and about \$10 was realized for a school library.

On Monday evening at about eleven o'clock chicken thieves visited J. R. Bor-

tree's and J. S. Catterson's hen houses and captured about a dozen at each place. Mrs. Catterson caught them in the act and calling her husband he jumped out of bed, formed an undressed parade and with terrific screams gave chase. He succeeded in awakening his neighbors on the distant hills but the visitors escaped.

Mr. Potter is painting the church.

A Republican caucus was held last Saturday night and Frank Barnes and Oscar Noble were elected delegates. R. A. Smith is a candidate for delegate in the interest of Homer Greene, Esq. of Honesdale, whom we think if the majority of the voters of Wayne county could have had their wish would have been chosen years ago.

About fifty people were out to church today. Our pastor preached an excellent sermon.

Kate Cross leaves today for the Stroudsburg S. N. S.

Melissa E. Bortree will start for her home in California, Tuesday, December 30.

A supper will be given in the church dining room on New Year's Eve. Proceeds to buy a heater for the parsonage.

To a full house and several strangers, Rev. D. Evans gave a most excellent sermon today. A collection was taken to purchase fuel, and we are pleased to note over \$30 were subscribed, and about \$10 more are needed.

October 27th—The following school marms were at church today: Misses Tolley, Websters; Aikman, Salem; and Conner, Bidwell Hill. Also William Shiffer and George Smith, of Pocono.

Leonard Yates and Robert Hafler expect to camp at Blooming Grove and hunt deer November 1st.

Mr. GG and Miss GN were married last Wednesday, at the home of the bride, by Rev. L. W. Karschner. The brothers and sisters of the contracting parties were present, and in the evening the town rough and ready band were out in full force, and did excellent service. After the boys had received a "smoker" they called at AOM, and in due season Mr. and Mrs. EM put in an appearance, and the boys retired satisfied with the evening's work. These little wedding parties are enjoyable affairs all around, and the dominies are willing that more shall occur.

P. W. Gillner is entertaining three hunters.

J. E. Cross gives employment to all the teams that he can get, carting lumber and bark.

Just fill up your coal bins before the next strike begins.

When Phineas Howe Jr. was elected Associate Judge of Wayne County, it was an honor that had never before been conferred upon one of the citizenry of Sterling. He immediately began to be called Judge and his wife was called Mrs. Judge Howe. Upon one occasion her children came to her to ask this intelligent question: "Are we judge too, Ma, or is it just you and Pa?" However the title has descended to some of the children and grandchildren even to this day.

It is difficult to write a history that will include all the facts uncovered. Of a necessity this must be "pious history" because it comes from a pious hand but this

vicinity has had its share of tragedies. There have been at least three suicides and two murders. Upon one occasion, a man who afterwards did commit suicide, asked his grandchildren repeatedly through the day to take him to the Wallenpaupack bridge. They refused him all day, finally at night one of them said: "Pa, why do you want to go?" He finally admitted that he wanted to jump off and his grandson quickly replied: "Well why didn't you say so, I would have taken you gladly!"

Another person who served his time for a killing, later professed conversion at Salem Camp Meeting. The ministers began to argue whether or not a murderer could be saved and finally decided in the negative. The decision was too great, the man did not live long thereafter, and died by suicide.

Neighbors often quarreled and upon one occasion, a yankee asked an Irishman in Sterling why two Irish could not get along together to which he replied: "The good class of Irish can always get along alright but it is when we try to associate with the poor trash of Irish that we have trouble!"



FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss Marilla Cross, Mrs. P. W. Gillner, Mrs. Viola Gilpin Smith, Miss Hattie Reed, Mrs. Jerry Gilpin, Mrs. I. M. Kipp, Mrs. Job Stevens, Mrs. John H. Lee, Mrs. J. E. Cross. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Thomas Neville, Mrs. Thomas Noble, Mrs. Abram Skelton, Mrs. Hewitt Howe, Mrs. S. M. Cross, Mrs. Charles Cliff, Mrs. Henry Robacker, Mrs. Benjamin Yates, Mrs. A. J. Cross, Mrs. C. E. Webster. THIRD ROW: Mrs. Fred Hall, Mrs. H. R. Megargel, Mrs. O. W. Noble, Mrs. Charlotte Simons. CHILDREN, SECOND ROW; Milton Cross. THIRD ROW: Beulah Cross and Ruth Webster.

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